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PATENT AGENT INTERNSHIP



Have you considered a career as a Patent Agent?

Patent agents work with inventors to identify and to understand inventions. They then prepare a written specification of the invention and work with a draftsman to prepare drawings that illustrate the invention. Lastly, as the patent application is examined by the U.S. Patent Office, the agent engages with government patent examiners to argue in favor of the patent application. Patent agents are licensed by the Federal Government to prepare, file, and prosecute patent applications. They are entitled to represent clients before the U.S. Patent Office without attending law school.

What is the Patent Agent Internship?

The paid 10-week internship is offered by the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP (Shumaker). Rising seniors or graduate students work in Shumaker's Charlotte, NC office for the summer of 2025 learning about all aspects of patent preparation and prosecution. The interns are paired with a mentor and get hands-on experiences working with inventors, patent agents, and patent attorneys. Compensation starts at approximately \$1,300/week.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit the below materials no later than February 15, 2025.

- Resume
- Current transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Technical writing sample
- Optional: Letters of recommendation from academic or professional references
- Optional: Undergraduate Diversity Science Scholarship Essay (see application for details)

Qualifications

- Must be enrolled in an engineering or hard science Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctor of Philosophy Degree program in one of the disciplines identified by the USPTO, as identified on our website.
- Applicants should intend to live in the geographic area of one of our firm's offices after graduating.
- Must exhibit a proficiency for technical writing and analytical thinking coupled with a strong scientific acumen and research skills.

Undergraduate Diversity Science Scholarship

The Shumaker Undergraduate Diversity Science Scholarship program provides a \$5,000 scholarship to one (1) or two (2) outstanding undergraduate rising seniors or graduate students who are selected to participate in the firm's summer Patent Agent Internship program. The scholarship is available to students who are members of underrepresented or minority groups and is in addition to the salary paid to the student for the Patent Agent Internship program. Payment of the scholarship will be made upon the student's completion of the firm's Patent Agent Internship program. The scholarship is awarded at Shumaker's discretion.

Upon completion of the Patent Agent Internship, interns will be considered for full time employment beginning in 2026. Shumaker reserves the right to extend an offer or the deadlines. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Miller, Director of Recruitment, at cmmiller@shumaker.com.