UTRF MISSION

- Research Growth
- Intellectual Property Commercialization
- Entrepreneurial Culture
- Economic Development
“Whether you take the Patent Bar and become a successful IP attorney, work as a General Counsel in the business world, or end up a criminal attorney, UTRF provides the opportunity to become a better lawyer and stronger professional.”

Chase Moore, JD Candidate, Spring 2019, University of Tennessee, 2017-2018 UTRF Intern

“My internship experience at UTRF had allowed me to see the big picture of the commercialization pipeline starting from government funding to academic research and finally to industry partnership.”

CeCe Ging, JD, University of Tennessee, 2012-2013 UTRF Intern
BENEFITS OF INTERN PROGRAM

Provide support to UTRF’s licensing staff for innovation assessments including patent searches.

Hands-on opportunity to explore new innovations and to understand the transition from research to a commercial product.

Obtain valuable experience in preparation for careers such as business development, entrepreneurship, and law.
WHERE ARE OUR PAST INTERNS?

2012
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
POTENTIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITY

- Entrepreneurship
- Venture Capital
- Consulting
- Licensing
- Law Firms
- Business Development
- Tech Scouts in Industry
- Contract managers
- Government eg. NNSA
Technology Commercialization is a process to move knowledge and innovations from UT to an external partner to create products and services for public benefit.
Technology Commercialization is a process to move knowledge and innovations from UT to an external partner to create products and services for public benefit.

If your innovation is declined, you will receive a formal close letter from UTRF, relinquishing UTRF’s commercialization rights.
SKILL SET REQUIRED

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- High attention to detail and organization
- Analytical skills – ability to understand new concepts quickly
- Background in Life Science, Engineering, Computer Science or Physical Science preferred
**INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Analyze new innovations
- Perform patentability analysis
- Outreach to potential industry partners
- Present recommendations for management of new innovations
- Assist in ad-hoc projects in marketing and financial evaluations

 Interns prepare summaries about the new innovations and help to evaluate whether a new technology can be patented and if there is a potential commercial market for it.
Graduate Student Intern Positions

• For Grad/Law/MBA/Other

Commitment

• 20-35 hr/wk in Summer 2019
• 10 hr/wk in following two semesters

*Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents.
INTERESTED??

Information Session: February 17, 2020 - Today!

Application Deadline: March 13, 2020

Start Date: May 11, 2020

https://utrf.tennessee.edu/mco-internship/
UTRF LICENSING STAFF

Maha Krishnamurthy, PhD, MBA
Vice President
mkrishn1@tennessee.edu

Nghia Chiem, PhD
Licensing Associate
nchiem@tennessee.edu

Andreana Leskovjan, PhD
Licensing Associate
aleskovj@tennessee.edu

Kusum Rathore, PhD
Licensing Assistant
krathore@tennessee.edu

Mary Ann Warwick Russell, JD
Senior Staff Attorney
marussell@tennessee.edu
STARTUP SHOWCASE

with Interim President Randy Boyd & Chancellor Donde Plowman