UA Student Innovation Fellows

OBJECTIVE: The program will engage students interested in IT research to commercialization environments while promoting the UA’s mission to foster and increase technology transfer in southern AZ.

PROGRAM: The program offers a paid, two-semester fellowship commitment. A weekly time commitment of 10 hours is expected from selected applicants and scheduled based upon the availability of the fellow and his/her respective licensing management mentor. Fellows will meet with Tech Launch’s Director of Commercialization Networks and Operations on a monthly basis to oversee progress and discuss projects with other fellows. The fall semester will focus on learning and training while fellows will complete a capstone project relevant to their individual interests and the work of their licensing management mentor in the spring. For each position, a semester evaluation will take place at the end of both semesters (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015) between the Director of Commercialization Networks and Operations, the licensing manager, and the fellow. Fellows will participate in meetings with experts, faculty, and administration focusing on intellectual property and data management development and strategy for research. Fellows will be invited to various IT-related, commercialization, and innovation-focused events as well as exclusive networking opportunities throughout the academic year. Students will showcase their work at the annual Innovation Day event in March 2015.

The program is open to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at the UA. Fellows would be assigned to a specific TLA staff member, each of whom represent a separate, distinct area of TLA work. The areas are:

1. College of Science embedded Technology Licensing Manager
2. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences embedded Technology Licensing Manager
3. College of Engineering embedded Technology Licensing Manager
4. College of Optical Sciences embedded Technology Licensing Manager
5. Eller College and Informatics embedded Technology Licensing Manager
6. College of Medicine embedded Technology Licensing Manager
7. Life Science and Biomedical Technology (BIO5) Licensing Manager

BUDGET: $22,400
$10.00/hr
10 hrs/wk
16 wk/semester
2 semesters
7 fellows

**LAUNCH TIMELINE:** A marketing campaign will be designed as a collaborative project of Tech Launch Arizona, the Office of the CIO, and ITSAB during summer 2014. Applications will be reviewed by appointed individual from Tech Launch Arizona, the Office of the CIO, and ITSAB in August 2014.

**PROJECT MEMBERS:**
Sherry Hoskinson - Director of Commercialization Networks and Operations, Tech Launch AZ
Barry Brummund - Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the CIO
ITSAB Executive Board Members – IT Student Advisory Board, UITS