



# The Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI<sup>2</sup>) Internship Program



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The Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI<sup>2</sup>) is charged with strategizing new ways to expand American innovation by tapping into the strength of our nation's diversity and increasing opportunities for all Americans to participate in innovation.



## Requirements



**Who is eligible:** U.S. citizen/national, full-time upperclassmen undergraduate students

**Where to apply:** USAJOBS.gov and USPTO website

**Documents:** Resume, transcripts or proof of enrollment, veteran's preference documentation



"Interns gain excellent professional experience through this program. Interns will improve their communication, time management, and team and relationship building skills while in the program."

- Heidi H., Innovation Intern

## Timelines



**Duration of program:** 2 years

**Applications open:** Early spring

**Application response time:** 2-3 months after applications have closed to receive offers.

## Duties

- Attend meetings and discussions
- Collaborate on IT tasks
- Data analysis and organization
- Computer based trainings
- Leadership assessment
- Capstone project
- Legal writing
- Information management

## Why USPTO?



- Networking
- Mentorship
- Innovative agency
- Personal growth
- Paid internship
- Federal work experience
- Flexible schedule
- Diverse workplace

"Everyone at the USPTO is unbelievably kind, and you can tell that the office has dedicated its efforts to be a supportive and inclusive environment. There are always people more than willing to help you, all questions are appreciated, and in my experience, your team will go above and beyond to let you know that you and your work are appreciated."

- Anya M., Innovation Intern



"The biggest benefit to this program is the access granted to interns. The wealth of knowledge each expert provides, while also making themselves assessable for questions/comments is always refreshing."

- Timothy S., Innovation Intern



## Frequently asked questions

### What makes a great candidate?

Proactive, communicative, multitasker, and comfortable with virtual workspaces

### What are the educational requirements?

Full-time undergraduate students in good academic standing pursuing a degree in any of the majors outlined in the job announcement (may vary)

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