

Student Intern - Research and Analysis

This opportunity is available to a student looking for full-time hours (40 hours per week) for an 8-month term. You must be eligible to work in Canada, as a member of a virtual team, with the ability to work from home.

IAC delivers patent landscape reports, patent monitoring, and trend dashboards to help Canadian SMEs understand and act on IP intelligence. This role supports the market and competitive research layer of that work (gathering, organizing, and synthesizing the business and industry context that surrounds our patent analysis).

Key Responsibilities:

Market & Industry Research

- Research technology sectors that are the subject of IAC's annual IP Intelligence reports
- Map the competitive landscape: identify key companies, startups, research institutions, and market trends relevant to each report sector
- Summarize findings from industry reports, news sources, government publications, and academic abstracts into structured briefings for the IP team
- Track technology adoption curves, regulatory developments, and Canadian-specific market dynamics that shape IP strategy for SMEs
- Other research to support IAC's mission as required

AI-Assisted Research & Analysis

- Use AI tools (e.g., Claude, ChatGPT, or similar) to accelerate literature reviews, competitive scans, and summarization tasks under team supervision
- Help develop and document prompt strategies and AI-assisted research workflows that the team can reuse across projects

Qualifications:

Required

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program (relevant fields include political science, economics, science, engineering)
- Strong research skills, able to identify credible sources, synthesize across multiple inputs, and distinguish signal from noise
- Clear, concise written communication in English

- Comfortable with Excel or Google Sheets, able to sort, filter, use basic formulas, and organize data
- Critical thinker, ability to evaluate the quality and relevance of information beyond just collecting it
- Familiarity with AI tools for research or writing

Preferred

- Basic familiarity with patents (able to read a patent abstract, understand claims, and navigate patent data at an introductory level)
- Coursework or work exposure in IP law, technology management, or innovation policy
- Prior exposure to technology sectors, innovation policy, or SME landscape in Canada
- Bilingual (French/English) an asset

IAC is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.