Senior TechAdvance Fellowship

TechAdvance, an early-stage technology funding program that accelerates the commercialization of Rutgers Researchers’ inventions, invites applicants to apply for a 1-year Senior TechAdvance Fellowship program (previously called TechAdvance Internship program) beginning Fall of 2021.

This is an excellent opportunity for Masters, Ph.D, and Postdoctoral candidates to explore career opportunities in broad scientific knowledge, basic business insight and acumen, recognizing potential research proposals and moving technologies into the commercialization phase. To learn more about the TechAdvance gap funding program, review the link: https://techadvance.rutgers.edu

Program Description:
- Training on the various steps and processes in the funding mechanism: screening applications and ensuring they align with TechAdvance requirements especially around the Intellectual Property, Conflict of Interests, and other disclosures. The Fellow will also be identifying potential industry reviewers to match the application and capture the details emerging from the review process towards making an effective funding decision meeting.
- Training on our new application submission and review TechAdvance Platform- TAP, including updating data/tracking applications in various stages of the funding and post-award process.
- Participation in outreach, training programs and philanthropic activities as scheduled.
- Coordinating the NVCF Symposium Series and planning other business meetings.
- Interacting with the Licensing Team to better understand the Intellectual Property around the technology and/or licensing deals/terms associated with the technology.
- The Sr. Fellow will also have the opportunity to participate in the well-received lecture series organized by the Licensing team. Topics include Marketing of technologies, Interacting with Industry, and the basics of Intellectual Property. The Sr. Fellow is encouraged to participate in the IV Fellowship education series held in Fall.
- Training the next incoming Sr. TechAdvance Fellow and coordinating TechAdvance Undergraduate Fellowship Program.
- The Sr. Fellow will be paid $20-25/hr, depending on Fellow’s background and subject to University policies / Departmental criteria.

Program Requirements:
- Interested students must currently be enrolled in a graduate program at Rutgers University with an expected graduation date of December 2022 or later.
- Graduate Students: (Masters, Ph.D and Postdoctoral candidates).
- Background in: STEM, Social/Behavioral Sciences, Law or Business.
- Commitment of 8-10 hours per week with the ability to work on site and remotely.
- For Ph.D candidates- completed coursework necessary for the degree and has passed applicable qualifying exams for Ph.D. candidacy. Be in good academic standing and get approval from their academic advisor.
- Team player and a passion for translational research projects.

How to apply:
Submit all the following information as ONE pdf file via email to eusebio.pires@rutgers.edu
- Cover letter: (address the following)
  - Tell me about yourself and what motivated you to apply?
  - Where do you see yourself after you graduate?
  - How and why will this program help you get there?
- Resume (2-page limit) and unofficial transcript.
- Written permission from your research advisor or faculty advisor.

Please note:
This Fellowship program is highly competitive, and no one is guaranteed admittance. Deadline for application submission is 30th August 2021. Shortlisted candidates will be scheduled for interviews during the month of September 2021. The selected Senior Fellow will need to sign a confidentiality agreement with IV. There is no implied or guaranteed offer of employment upon completion of the Fellowship. A certificate of program completion and a letter of recommendation will be provided as requested.