As part of our Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholar Program, law firms, corporations, government agencies, and other organizations offer competitive internship and clerkship opportunities to the Foundation’s Scholars.

To participate, visit https://www.diversityiniplaw.org/internships and complete the Sponsor form.

Each firm or corporation wishing to recruit summer interns will have the opportunity to review the resumes and interests of the Scholars and select an initial group to interview. You may meet with selected candidates during a pre-screening interview that the Foundation is happy to arrange or you may proceed directly to your normal interview process and make your own independent determination, as you would with any other candidate. The internship or clerkship terms and conditions will be determined by you and your selected candidate as you may agree. By participating in this program, there is no commitment to employ any candidate you interview. Further, if you hire a Scholar as an intern or clerk for a summer, there is no commitment of future employment. We simply introduce you to our Scholars and let you decide whether to proceed and, if so, on what terms.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Gregorio, Program Manager at (703) 412-1313 or kgregorio@diversityiniplaw.org

The Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholar Program assists STEM-educated individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as they prepare for a career in patent law.

By engaging future patent lawyers at the earliest stages of their law school experience, the Scholar Program aims to both increase success in law school and prepare individuals to make immediate contributions to firms and corporations as they embark on their IP law careers.

In addition to financial assistance, the program provides mentoring, counseling, and frequent opportunities to connect with and learn from leaders in the field of patent law, creating relationships and networks that will increase their chance at success and ultimately increase diversity in IP law.

**Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholar Program Benefits**

**Mentorship and Counseling to Assist with:**
- Navigating the law school admissions process.
- Identifying patent law summer internship and clerkship opportunities.
- Finding suitable employment upon graduation.
- Advancing professionally after graduation.

**Financial Assistance with the Costs of:**
- The law school application process.
- Preparing and sitting for the patent bar examination.
- Active participation in the AIPLA and ABA-IPL.
- Summer internship or clerkship opportunities.
- Attendance at the annual Convocation of Scholars.