

Intellectual Property Internship on ICH Trademarks

3 Months – As soon as possible

About ICH

The International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) is an international non-profit Association under Swiss law dedicated to promoting public health through worldwide harmonisation to ensure that safe, effective, and high-quality medicines are developed, registered and maintained in the most resource-efficient manner. Harmonisation of technical and scientific requirements is achieved through the development of ICH Guidelines that are implemented by the regulatory authorities that are Members of ICH. Since its inception in 1990, ICH has gradually evolved to respond to the increasingly global face of pharmaceutical development and comprises currently 25 Members and 43 Observers from around the globe, and over 30 technical Working Groups (WGs). MedDRA is a rich and highly specific standardised medical terminology developed by ICH to facilitate sharing of regulatory information internationally for medical products used by humans. It is used for registration, documentation and safety monitoring of medical products both before and after a product has been authorised for sale.

Internship objective

Under the leadership of the ICH MedDRA Manager, the **Intellectual Property (IP) Intern** will provide a clear overview of the trademarks (TMs) ICH already owns, assess their current relevance and usage and identify opportunities for future trademark protection or rationalisation through two main workstreams:

- confirming existing registrations, and
- contributing to define a TM Strategy.

Internship scope & deliverables

- **TM Audit**
 - o Confirm the status of existing trademarks by verifying details in official databases
 - o Record accurate information and comment on any gaps or inconsistencies
- **Future TM Strategy**
 - o Design, conduct and analyse a perception & usage survey among ICH stakeholders
 - o Develop a geographic & market mapping with priority list
 - o Propose new TM recommendations based on importance & feasibility within the budget forecast

Intern Profile

- Bachelor of Law and **pursuing a Master in Intellectual Property**
- Self-driven and able to work with limited supervision
- Hands-on approach with strong attention to details
- Collaborative team player with open and flexible attitude with sound judgment
- Fluency in English (both written and spoken), proficiency in French an asset
- Proficiency in MS-Office, SharePoint and Project Management tools
- Familiarity with IP tools, such as SAEGIS
- Ability to relocate to Geneva area or neighboring French area
- **European or Swiss citizenship**

Application

If qualifying for an internship agreement, please apply by sending a detailed resume and motivation letter in **English** to the email address RH@ich.org. No recruitment agencies.