**Due Date: November 17, 2024**

Application Form

**Berkeley IP Practicum & Seminar**

Spring 2025

Name:

Preferred Name:

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E-mail:

**Instructions:**

* Students may use this application to apply to the Berkeley IP Practicum & Seminar courses. Students seeking to take the Berkeley IP Practicum course must concurrently enroll in the Berkeley IP Practicum Seminar course. Alternatively, students may elect to take the Berkeley IP Practicum Seminar course alone (without enrolling in the Berkeley IP Practicum course).
* Please carefully review the questions below, to determine which questions you need to answer (this will depend on whether you are applying for the Practicum + Seminar courses, or just the Seminar course).

**Prerequisites and Recommended Courses and Experiences:**

* **Seminar:** To take the Seminar course, whether taken alone or concurrently with the Practicum, students must have taken at least one American IP law course (preferably a course with a significant focus on patents), or must have equivalent IP experience.
* **Practicum:** To take the Practicum course, students must have taken at least one American IP law course (preferably a course with a significant focus on patents), or must have equivalent IP experience.
	+ We look to pair students with their student partners, practitioners, and real start-up companies based on previous IP and scientific/technical experience, so although a scientific/technical background is not required to take the Practicum course, a thorough description of your previous scientific/technical experience (if any) will assist the instructor in assigning teams.
	+ This year, we anticipate having projects available in the life sciences, medical device, and climate/energy/semiconductor areas. If a large number of students apply to the Practicum with backgrounds that do not fit in these areas, we will investigate whether projects in other technological areas can be made available.

Practicum Students are expected to make a firm commitment to the completion of their assigned projects over the course of the spring semester. Students should apply for the Practicum ***only*** if they are willing to make this commitment.

The Practicum and Seminar courses count towards Berkeley Law’s experiential course requirements for JD students.

**Course Selection**

Are you applying to take the Berkeley IP Practicum + Seminar courses, or just the Berkeley IP Practicum Seminar course? Please check only one box below.

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| **Berkeley IP Practicum + Seminar**  |  |
| **Berkeley IP Practicum Seminar Only** |  |

**Educational and Practice Background (for Seminar Only and Practicum + Seminar Applicants)**

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| **Degree Program at Berkeley (J.D., LL.M., Ph.D., etc)** |  |
| **Undergraduate Education (Major/Minor/Focus):** |  |
| **Graduate Education (Field/Focus):**  |  |

Please list the IP coursework you have taken to date (whether at Berkeley Law or elsewhere), and that you plan to take in Spring 2025:

Please briefly explain why you want to take the course(s) for which you have applied:

**QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICUM APPLICANTS ONLY:**

Please describe any patent-related experience you have (coursework, summer jobs, part-time work, study for Patent Bar, etc.):

Please provide a brief description of your scientific/technical experience. We will use this description to help match you to a team and start-up company:

All applicants will be notified about enrollment and wait list decisions within one week after the application deadline. Please contact Allison Schmitt (aaschmitt@berkeley.edu) with any questions.

**Please submit completed electronic copy to Allison Schmitt (****aaschmitt@berkeley.edu****) with the subject line “<Your Last Name> - Berkeley IP Practicum & Seminar: Application for Spring 2025.”**