



Kuhn Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) Awards Application

Congratulations on your journey as a citizen and scholar at The University of Texas at Austin. The IE Consortium is incredibly excited about the Kuhn Intellectual Entrepreneurship Award. Supported by the generosity of the Kuhn Family, this award is designed to encourage both first generation and economically disadvantaged **undergraduate** students to pursue their academic passions and to seriously consider graduate study.

The Kuhn Family Intellectual Entrepreneurship awards will be in the form of \$1,000 stipends offered to a select number of qualified undergraduate interns. The award is intended to support and encourage students to pursue opportunities that further enrich the [IE Pre-Graduate School Internship](#) experience. (e.g., traveling to conferences, potential graduate school visits, research endeavors, supplies, books etc.).

Each Intern's graduate mentor will be awarded a matching \$1,000 stipend through the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. **NOTE:** Graduate mentors do not have to meet the requirements for undergraduate interns. They simply have to agree to be a graduate mentor, sign the [IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Contract](#), and sign the Kuhn IE Awards Application.

The number of awards made will depend on the available resources. All award recipients are required to participate in the [IE Pre-Graduate School Internship](#) in the semester they receive the award. Applications will be due by no later than the 4th class day of the semester in which the student is actually doing the Pre-Graduate Internship. **As the application process is highly competitive, all interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply well before the deadline.** A qualified **undergraduate** applicant will meet all of the criteria listed below and be able to articulate a meaningful response to the prompt to be given at the end of the application.

The following documents must be completed in their entirety by the undergraduate intern and signed by the graduate student mentor or faculty advisor:

1. [IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Contract](#) *
2. Kuhn IE Awards Application

This contract must be submitted **with or before the Kuhn IE Award Eligibility and Application Form*

Please return these documents to:

Rick Cherwitz, Professor
Communications Studies
1 University Station, A1105
Austin, TX 78712

Campus Mailing Address
CMA 7.118, A1105

Email: spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu

Please refer all questions and concerns regarding the application process to:

Tim Williams, Director of Kuhn Scholarship Award
Email: tewill1@gmail.com

Dr. Tommy Darwin, Internship Director
Email: tdarwin@austin.utexas.edu

Kuhn IE Awards Application: Eligibility Requirements

This form is provided to determine your eligibility before submitting an application. Keep in mind these requirements must **only** be satisfied by the undergraduate intern. Please check all eligibility criteria that apply and submit this form with your application.

A student is eligible for the award if he/she meets **all** of the following requirements:

_____ (a) Has submitted a complete [IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Contract](#) *¹

_____ (b) Intends to enroll in one of three credit bearing courses: CMS 364M, CMS 264M, CMS 164M *²

*¹ *This contract must be submitted with or before the Kuhn IE Award Eligibility and Application Form*

*² *Enrollment occurs once the Pre Graduate Internship Contract has been approved*

And meets **one or both** of the following qualifications:

_____ (1) A low-income individual

(Please use the income brackets listed below and your W-2 tax forms– e.g., if you file your taxes independently from your family, your family size will equal 1)

_____ (2) A first generation college student (Neither of your parents earned a college degree)

Please initial next to each statement and sign below:

I certify the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. _____

I grant permission to the Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program to access my educational records. _____

Print Name

Signature

Date

<i>IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD SIZE & INCOME BRACKETS</i>	
<i>Family Size*</i>	<i>Family Taxable Income</i>
1	\$16,335.00
2	\$22,065.00
3	\$27,795.00
4	\$33,525.00
5	\$39,255.00
6	\$44,985.00
7	\$50,715.00
8	\$56,445.00
<i>Families with more than 8 members, add \$5,730 for each additional member</i>	



Kuhn IE Awards Application: Information and Essay

All eligible **undergraduate** students are strongly encouraged to apply; however, this will be a competitive process and not all applicants will receive the \$1,000 stipend. All applicants should be prepared for the **IE Pre-Graduate School Internship** program regardless of whether or not the applicant is awarded the stipend.

Please complete all 3 sections of the application below:

Section 1) Undergraduate Intern Information

Name: _____ EID: _____

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Pre Grad Internship Discipline (the field in which you wish to do grad study): _____

Section 2) Graduate or Faculty Mentor Information (with whom you are doing your internship)

Name: _____ EID: _____

Department/Program: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 3) Please respond to the following prompt:

Consider the following questions in light of your background and experiences as a first-generation and/or economically disadvantaged student:

How have you gotten where you are today? How will the Pre Graduate Internship help you build upon the skill set you have already developed? What will the Pre Graduate Internship experience mean to you? How will you use this experience to gain a better understanding of graduate school? Where do you see yourself in the future?

You are not responsible for answering each question. Rather, we encourage you to use these questions to develop a statement about your background and how you believe your internship experience and this award will prepare you for future endeavors. Keep in mind that your past experiences, your current projects, and future aspirations will likely differentiate you from other applicants.

Please respond in a 1-2 page essay. Your essay should be double spaced and typed with a 12 point Times New Roman font.

