

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit electronically (hard copies are not accepted):

1. Statement of Interest (limited to one page). Communicate skills, strengths, and ways this program opportunity aligns with your career goals.
2. Résumé and references.
3. Contact information for your College of Law faculty sponsor with a copy of the signed UT College of Law field placement form.
4. Submit to [Y12FP@utk.edu](mailto:Y12FP@utk.edu).  
*Note "Y-12 Field Placement" in the subject line. Priority application deadline is November 1 each year.*

Finalists for the Y-12 Field Placement will participate in a personal interview.



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Y-12 helps ensure a safe and reliable U.S. nuclear weapons deterrent; retrieves and stores nuclear materials; fuels the Nuclear Navy; and performs work for other government and private sector entities.



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## Y-12 FIELD PLACEMENT POSITION OVERVIEW

The Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in partnership with the Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law of the University of Tennessee Knoxville's College of Law, has created a field placement program designed to provide JD students with maximum exposure to a wide variety of business and legal practices. This program provides a unique opportunity for JD students to combine real-world business and academic experience.

As a key member of Y-12's staff, law students can play a significant role in increasing the analysis and decision-making process related to Y-12 business efforts. Responsibilities include: (1) managing and researching Y-12 technologies, their intellectual property protections, and their commercial potential, (2) interacting with potential investors in Y-12 technologies, and (3) performing comprehensive legal and business plan studies to support key Y-12 decisions. This program is specifically designed to give broad exposure to a variety of operational areas of Y-12 as well as interaction with Y-12 senior management.

## ADDITIONAL JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performing legal research to lead the development of technology transfer strategies.
- Collaborating with Y-12 staff to develop, negotiate, and document partnerships that connect Y-12 technologies with a variety of commercial entities, with the ultimate goal of increasing the commercial prospects.
- Analyzing Y-12 technologies and their associated intellectual property rights and assisting with the legalities involved in connecting Y-12 with corresponding commercial entities.
- Performing legal analyses that support other significant Y-12 efforts.

## BENEFITS/COMPENSATION

Participants in the field placement program will have the opportunity to participate in a spring semester field placement and a summer of full-time employment at Y-12, working on projects involving the commercialization of technology.

- One to four credit hours of academic credit (spring semester).
- A competitive hourly rate (summer semester).
- Exposure to and involvement with senior lawyers and management through meetings, projects, and presentations.
- Communication with a diverse array of legal service providers, professionals, businesses, and industries such as start-up firms, Fortune 500 companies, and venture capitalists.
- The opportunity to practice and demonstrate critical thinking, analytical and presentation skills acquired in the College of Law's program, focusing on business and intellectual property

law, entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship, and technology commercialization.

- Extensive real-world experience for future employment.

## REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. citizenship (mandatory).
- Bachelor's degree.
- Status as a second- or third-year student in good standing at UT's College of Law.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and active listening skills.
- Critical and creative thinking.
- Ability to thrive in a team environment and work effectively with researchers, business leaders and industry contacts.

