
EDGE PROGRAM FAQs

How long is the EDGE Program?

Our 2017 Summer Program is expected to run 10 weeks from May 22, 2017 – July 28, 2017. Summer Program dates are determined in late summer/early fall for the upcoming year, so future dates are TBD.

What are the class sizes and schools represented in the EDGE Program?

Class size varies from year to year, but is generally in the range of 4-8 students. Recent summer classes have included students from:

Milwaukee School of Engineering
University of Wisconsin – Madison
University at Buffalo
University of Maryland – College Park
Various other schools

Georgia Institute of Technology
Marquette University
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
University of Texas – Austin

What class years are typical EDGE Interns?

Typically, when recruiting in the fall, we target engineering students in their junior year. They would start the EDGE internship the following summer after they complete their junior year and then, if they do well as an EDGE Intern, they would receive an offer to start with Michael Best full-time after they graduate. On a case-by-case basis, we would consider a candidate graduating in the spring, right before he/she starts the EDGE internship.

Do we consider international students for EDGE Internships?

Students must have valid authorization to work in the U.S. Michael Best does not currently offer sponsorship.

How will EDGE Interns receive work assignments?

EDGE Interns receive work assignments directly from our team members in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

What kind of training will EDGE Interns receive?

EDGE Interns participate in orientation and training during the first week at the firm, with ongoing training programs offered throughout the summer to expose them to various facets of the firm and the world of Intellectual Property.

Will EDGE Interns have help during the summer?

Each EDGE Intern is assigned one Patent Agent as a mentor for the summer. Their primary responsibility is to provide the EDGE Intern assistance in obtaining work assignments, guidance on the work itself, and insights into the intangibles of firm life. They also help the EDGE Intern get acclimated to the firm, both socially and professionally.

What kind of feedback and evaluations will EDGE Intern receive?

EDGE Interns receive formal and informal feedback from the team members with whom they work throughout the summer, including formal mid-summer and end-of summer reviews.

How much are EDGE Interns paid?

The 2017 EDGE Interns will be paid \$1,000 per week. Salary may be adjusted from year-to-year, and may vary based on office location.



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Will there be any kind of social activities?

Social activities are organized throughout the summer. EDGE Interns are also invited to lunches, dinners, and other informal activities hosted by the team. Social activities are not mandatory, but are offered as a very helpful way to introduce the firm to EDGE Interns.

How will EDGE Interns find housing?

Our Recruiting Coordinator may provide EDGE Interns with resources to assist them in obtaining summer housing. Many EDGE interns already live near Michael Best office locations and are able to easily commute to their internship site and remain in their current housing.

When are offers to return extended to EDGE Interns?

Offer decisions are generally communicated within 2 to 4 weeks of the end of the summer program.