

Intellectual Property Diversity Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What is the BakerHostetler Intellectual Property Diversity Scholarship?

The BakerHostetler Intellectual Property Diversity Scholarship is an annual scholarship available to second-year (2L) students who have a genuine interest in the patent law profession. During their summer internship, we provide recipients with unique opportunities and experiences that showcase our nationally acclaimed IP practice. IP Diversity Scholarship recipients receive summer associate compensation as well as an additional \$5,000 toward tuition or other law school expenses.

Who is eligible?

Any law student who identifies as a member of a historically underrepresented group in the legal profession, including law students who are members of racial/ethnic minorities, identify as LGBTQ+ or have disabilities and have completed their 2L year at an ABA-accredited law school. Candidates must show a genuine interest in pursuing a career in IP law and possess an undergraduate and/or graduate degree that will allow them to become registered with the US Patent and Trademark Office. Candidates must not be a recipient of a similar diversity award from another law firm for the same time period and must be a U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States.

Where can I work?

Eligible students can apply to a Summer Program in our Atlanta, Chicago, Costa Mesa, Philadelphia, Seattle or Washington, DC office. Students must spend at least eight weeks with the Firm.

How do I apply?

Complete and submit the following:

- Application form
- Current resume
- Undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts
- Law school transcript
- Personal statement: your statement should discuss what diversity means to you and also explain your interest in pursuing a career in IP law. Your statement should be double-spaced and no more than 500 words. Letters of recommendation and a writing sample are appreciated but are not required.

What is the timeline for applying for this scholarship?

The complete application materials listed above will be accepted starting July 18, 2022 and are due by August 20, 2022.

When will recipients be selected and what are the selection criteria?

Students will be notified on or before September 30, 2022.

Scholarships are awarded using the following criteria:

- Superior academic performance in a degree(s) that will allow them to take the Patent Bar Exam and become registered with the US Patent and Trademark Office
- Personal achievements
- Oral and written communication skills
- Leadership achievements
- Proven interest in IP law
- Community involvement
- Sincere interest in BH

The scholarship selection panel consists of our Chief Practice Partner, Chair of the Diversity Council, Intellectual Property Group Chair, Director of Recruiting, and Director of Inclusion and Diversity.

What if I have additional questions?

Please contact Grace Keller, the IP Recruiting Manager at gkeller@bakerlaw.com to learn more about this opportunity. Also, please visit the Student Page in the Careers section of the Firm website, www.bakerlaw.com for more information.

Where do I send my completed application?

Please submit your completed application package to Grace Keller, the IP Recruiting Manager at gkeller@bakerlaw.com.