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USPTO to Boost Job Opportunities for Veterans through Veteran Intern Program

Program Aids Former Service Members Earning Engineering Degrees

As part of an aggressive veteran hiring campaign, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is launching the Veteran Intern Program (VIP). Open to veterans who have completed at least three academic years of study in electrical, mechanical, biomedical, or computer engineering, the program provides part-time, paid, on-the-job career development during the veteran's final year of college. Upon successful completion of the program and an engineering degree, the veteran may be non-competitively promoted to a career patent examiner position.

The VIP is part of a [comprehensive recruitment plan](#) aimed at attracting veterans and their family members to job opportunities at the USPTO, which is working to double the percentage of veteran hires for the patent examiner corps during the current fiscal year. Through job postings, resource sites, career centers, and career fairs, the USPTO has engaged military career placement offices at the local and national level and has held special information sessions at veteran career centers and career fairs.

To apply to the Veteran Intern Program, visit www.usptocareers.gov and select "Patent Examiner Positions." Questions about the program should be addressed to Sharon Gibson at (571) 272-2925 or sharon.gibson@uspto.gov.

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