



Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition

Hiring Research Assistants

Professor David Hoffman and a small team are researching the terms and conditions that apply to initial coin offerings (ICOs). ICOs are a method for using blockchains to raise funding for early-stage technology companies. These offerings are a new but rapidly growing fundraising method; in 2017 alone, there were a total of 235 ICOs raising over \$3 billion (according to a site called Coinschedule.com).

They are searching for hard-working, dedicated research assistants to help create a catalog of the terms and conditions that govern investments in ICOs. The students will have the opportunity to work closely with the team and make an impact on an emerging field. Responsibilities will include sourcing in-progress and scheduled ICOs; cataloging and categorizing terms for those ICOs; and collecting other information about ICOs such as marketing material and the ultimate amount of funds raised. This project should be of particular interest to students interested in the intersection of technology and contract law.

Those interested in working on this semester-long project should send their resume and statement of interest in contract law and/or technology to Professor Hoffman at dhoffma1@law.upenn.edu.