Penn Law and the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition offer $40,000 in scholarships to support students pursuing joint degrees in law and technology

Penn Law and the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition (CTIC) are pleased to announce the fourth year of the CTIC Interdisciplinary Scholarship Program, a competitive scholarship awarded to JD students pursuing a joint degree in law and technology.

Each year Penn Law and CTIC award $40,000 to up to three students to help offset tuition expenses for their additional year of study at the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). Joint degree students typically spend their first year at the Law School and their second at Penn Engineering. During their third and fourth years, they take classes at both schools.

Current 1L and 2L students who intend to pursue the JD/MSE (Master of Science in Engineering) or the JD/MCIT (Master of Computer and Information Technology) are eligible to apply for the CTIC Interdisciplinary Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications will be accepted until Monday, March 18, 2019, from matriculating Penn Law students who applied or are applying to the MCIT or MSE programs for the November 15, 2018 or March 15, 2019, deadlines.

The JD/MSE is intended for students with a strong undergraduate background in engineering or computer science; the JD/MCIT requires no prior engineering or computer science background.

Students selected for the program will also have the opportunity to work closely with CTIC faculty, who are renowned experts in intellectual property, Internet and privacy law, and technology policy. The CTIC Interdisciplinary Scholarship students will contribute to CTIC’s mission of promoting foundational research that shapes and reshapes the way legislators, regulatory authorities, and scholars think about technology policy, intellectual property, privacy, and related fields.

Alumni of Penn Law’s joint degree programs speak highly of the cross-disciplinary education and training they received. “In addition to allowing me to better understand the business and products of software company clients, my joint degree at Penn has equipped me with the ability to grapple with complex technical concepts in a creative and methodical way,” said Lucas Tejwani L’17, MCIT’17. “As a corporate lawyer working on transactions across many industries, I’ve found that the value of my cross-disciplinary education is greater than the sum of its parts. It has been invaluable for me when working on transactions in unfamiliar areas, such as deals for clients in the immuno-oncology, semiconductor capital equipment manufacturing and oil and gas industries.”

Recent recipients of the CTIC scholarship include Christina Chen L’20, Delaney Butler L’20, Kelsey Matevish L’19, and Teddi Josephson L’19, all of whom are pursuing the JD/MCIT, as well as Anna Marion L’19 who is pursuing the JD/MSE with a specialization in Scientific Computing.

Interested students should contact Amanda S. Aronoff, Director, Cross-Disciplinary Programs & Academic Options, at aramanda@law.upenn.edu. Applications will be reviewed by the CTIC Scholars Program Committee and must include a statement of purpose and a copy of the student’s MCIT or MSE application.