

Yissum's Technology Transfer International Internship Program Opening Doors to International Collaboration

An international internship program has been running at Yissum, the Technology Transfer Company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for the past two years. The program aims both to expand international relationships that will encourage new collaborations and to share the tech transfer knowledge and successes of Yissum's 45 years of experience.

Yissum's international internship program enables professionals to train via hands-on work. Interns use Yissum's proprietary Technology Transfer Management® (TTM) system and enjoy comprehensive exposure to Yissum's technology transfer practices.

On the international side - most recently, for example, Yissum hosted a licensing officer from the tech transfer office of Milan State University in Italy, sponsored by BioMilano, the regional development organization. We look forward to increased collaboration with the university and the Milan region as a result of this relationship. Nava Swersky Sofer, Yissum's President & CEO, has already been invited as a keynote speaker at the "National Prize for Innovation 2008", a prestigious annual competition rewarding the best entrepreneurial ideas from Italian universities, hosted by the Politecnico di Milano.

In addition, Yissum runs a series of programs focused on both scientifically-trained and business-oriented graduate students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, providing different levels of training and exposure to technology transfer.

Yissum was founded in 1964 to protect the Hebrew University's intellectual property and commercialize it. \$1bn in annual sales are generated by products based on Hebrew University technologies licensed out by Yissum. Ranked among the top technology transfer companies in the world, Yissum has registered 5,500 patents covering 1,600 inventions; licensed out 480 technologies and spun out 65 companies.

Yissum's business partners span the globe and include companies such as Novartis, Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Intel, Teva and many more. For further information please visit www.yissum.co.il