



Honors Research Assistant Program

Title: To Collect, Code and Organize Secondary Data on Mergers and Acquisitions in the Fuel Cell Industry

Description of the Research: The project entails the collection, coding and organization of secondary data on mergers and acquisitions in the fuel cell industry world-wide. This data will be used for an on-going study of how inter-organizational relationships and mergers and acquisitions influence innovation outcomes in the fuel cell industry.

Responsibilities of the Student: The student will electronically search archived news articles to identify merger and/or acquisition deals involving firms engaged in the development of fuel cell technology from a library database such as *Lexis-Nexis*.

After identifying the relevant deals based on keywords and descriptions provided in the text, the student will code them based on various parameters like domestic versus international, friendly versus hostile takeover etc.

Finally, the student will organize the data in an excel spreadsheet, providing the names of the acquiring and target firms, the year of the deal, type of deal, financial amount, financial intermediary, and other relevant information available in the news report. The task entails secondary data collection and its organization in a spreadsheet.

Approximate Number of Hours/Schedule:

The job requires 10-15 hours per week.

Qualifications:

The student should be comfortable with electronic searches, handling large volumes of business related text, and identifying the relevant data from such information. Experience with Excel, Access or some other database handling software would be important. The student should have an eye for detail, precision and consistency in coding and recording the text based data.