Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results, or TI:GER®, is an award-winning collaboration between Emory Law and the Georgia Institute of Technology. TI:GER brings together graduate students in law, business, engineering, and science to work on start-up projects with a goal of transforming highly promising research into economically viable projects.

It’s not a typical law school experience. Electronic medical records, cardiovascular drugs, prosthetic legs, water-testing devices—our students have worked on the commercialization of all these through TI:GER. Emory Law students provide a crucial legal perspective to their TI:GER teams, helping bring to the forefront ideas and inventions that can change the world and save lives.

Award Winning Collaboration

TI:GER’s Five Key Benefits

1. Multidisciplinary approach
2. Practical, hands-on experience
3. Teamwork focus
4. Merger of classroom and high-tech laboratory environments
5. Exposure to top executives, entrepreneurs, and attorneys

Teams have placed in multiple competitions, including the Rice Business Plan Competition, the world’s largest such tourney for graduate students.

“The TI:GER Program goes far beyond an academic program and changed how I approached my legal education. It helped me get out of the classroom, test my ideas, and establish real connections with leading experts from a variety of fields. TI:GER has definitely been the highlight of my education at Emory Law.”

Ernesto Escobar 14L, Commercialization Catalyst Associate for VentureLab at Georgia Tech
The TI:GER Experience

TI:GER® participants attend courses as a "community of students," with course assignments driving the TI:GER® team activities. Courses expose students to leading thinkers and practitioners in the areas of technology commercialization and include guest speakers, a business lab, retreats, and workshops.

TWO Semesters, Core Curriculum:
- Fundamentals of Innovation I and II,
- Technology Commercialization Process,
- Entrepreneurship Practicum

TWO Tracks: Technology/Business law and Patent Law (science or engineering background required)

Guidance  Each TI:GER team is paired with a business mentor, an attorney mentor, and professors from Emory Law and Georgia Tech. The TI:GER Industry Advisory Board (comprised of lawyers, investors, inventors, and executives) provides expertise and guidance as well.

Applying for TI:GER  Emory Law students apply in the spring semester of their first year. Approximately twelve to twenty students are selected to participate each year.

TI:GER® Program

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Recent Accomplishments

✔ 2nd Place, 2017 Georgia Bowl (Team WEAV3D)
✔ Winner, 2016 Cardinal Challenge (Team Lumenostics)
✔ Winner, 2015 Georgia Tech Startup Competition
✔ Winner, 2015 April TiE Atlanta Young Entrepreneurs University Competition
✔ Winner, (best presentation, Women's Health Award winner, and sixth place overall), 2014 Rice Business Plan Competition, the world's richest and largest such tourney for graduate students, for lymphedema tool
✔ Winner, 2014 (CheckDroid Team) and 2013 (GoNow Team), Georgia Tech Startup Madness competitions
✔ Semifinalist, 2014 New Venture Championship (LymphaTech team)
✔ More than $140,000 in prizes won by TI:GER teams in business plan competitions since 2009
✔ $6.6 million raised by TI:GER alumni companies

95% TI:GER JDs pursue Careers in IP

95% TI:GER JDs fully employed at graduation

Many of our TI:GER professors teach in TI:GER specifically to find future employees. They know that the students who sign up tend to be motivated and team-oriented.”

Rachel Erdman 14L, Associate, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP (Atlanta, GA)