

## HUNTER DOUGLAS

Hunter Douglas is the world market leader in window coverings and a major manufacturer of architectural products. Headquartered in Rotterdam, the Group is comprised of 130 companies with 50 manufacturing and 80 assembly operations and marketing organisations in more than 100 countries. 2016 sales were USD 2.8 billion.

Hunter Douglas's strength lies in their ability to develop innovative, high quality, proprietary products that can be found in millions of homes and commercial buildings around the globe. They operate as a highly decentralised, global federation of companies that manufacture and market similar products. From their founding in 1919, Hunter Douglas has been a home for innovators. Established by entrepreneurs, the culture is one of innovation and advancement that attracts the best and the brightest people. These innovations come from a team of over 21,000 talented people worldwide.

### **Patent information specialist, Rotterdam**

At our Headquarters in Rotterdam we are looking for a Patent information specialist (min. 32 hours). Reporting into the International Patent Counsel, the role will involve developing a close working relationship with the Research & Development departments as well as Hunter Douglas's Expert Centers. As such, the role will be broad ranging and encompass the selection and evaluation of information that will facilitate the decision making process with regard to Intellectual Property Management. This will include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

- Search patent databases;
- Analyze search results and provide reports on prior art, patentability, validity, FTO and infringement;
- Monitor patent positions of third parties and informing the business of thereof, and maintain the digital Hunter Douglas patent library;
- Collaborate with R&D and Expert Centers to collect and organize invention disclosures, details and data for patent applications;
- Interpret requests for patent information and design strategies from a variety of information sources;
- Organize Patent Review Meetings;

To qualify, you must have at least a Bachelor's degree in a technical subject (such as mechanical engineering, product design engineering or similar engineering oriented studies) and possess strong analytical, communicative and interpersonal skills. Relevant work experience of 1-2 years, preferably in-house in an industrial business environment, is required. Preferably you have successfully completed at least the Basic Patent Information Course of the GO training. In addition to proficiency in English, knowledge of other European languages, in particular German and French, would be advantageous.

Importantly, Hunter Douglas requires an individual who is self-motivated and enthused at the prospect of working in a global business where the phrase 'maximum accountability, minimum interference' embodies the corporate culture. In return, Hunter Douglas can offer a long term career path for the successful candidate.

Applications can be uploaded at: [www.werkenbijhunterdouglas.nl](http://www.werkenbijhunterdouglas.nl)