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Innovation and invention represent the livelihood of companies in a flat world. Companies must innovate or perish. Both advances in technology, and the entrepreneurial culture that is well ingrained in the mindset of successful companies and their research labs, need to find a way into science and engineering higher education systems to help to develop talent that can not only use technology, but also help create it and develop new business opportunities with it. Universities are usually the preferred venue for post-doctoral candidates (postdocs) to spend 2 to 3 years further expanding their research interests, experience and networks before formally initiating their careers with a company, university, or self-owned business. Nevertheless, industry research labs can also provide ways to engage not only faculty and students but also postdocs in innovation and in the transfer of state-of-the-art research results and emerging technology areas into new businesses. In corporate labs future science and technology leaders can experience real-life R&D and entrepreneurial experiences that turn inventions into products and services. In other words, they can experience research with a purpose, other than publishing papers or writing theses. While Hewlett Packard Laboratories (HP Labs) has a long tradition of hosting postdocs and interns (e.g., in 2011 HP Labs hosted well over 100 interns at its Palo Alto facility), during the last 3 years it has been providing research experiences to postdocs, MS/PhD students and recently graduated engineers who are funded by government agencies. This presentation will provide a brief description of HP Labs research portfolio followed by a few examples of intern and postdoc experiences.