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Recent graduate?



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Unsure about your options?

- ✧ Don't wish to stay in academia, but still interested in science and technology?
- ✧ Looking for something different where you can still make use of your science degree?
- ✧ Want a professional and rewarding career with financial security, a good wage and personal support?

A career in Intellectual Property may be right for you.

What is intellectual property?

- Protection of intellectual property rights
- Includes patents, copyrights, trade marks and designs
- Managed by patent attorneys or trade mark attorneys

Routes into intellectual property industry

- In house – working for a company in their intellectual property department (e.g. *Dyson*)
- Private practice – working in a private legal firm advising a range of clients (e.g. *Secerna LLP*)

What are your options?

- Academia
- Industry
- R & D
- Corporate
- Finance
- Legal
- Intellectual Property
- Other

Skills required

- Strong scientific background knowledge
- Attention to detail
- Good oral and writing skills
- Analytical skills
- People skills
- Able to meet tight deadlines

What should I consider?

- ✧ Do you like the technology you studied? Do you have preference for research, business or technology?
- ✧ What environment would you prefer to work in? Large corporate, smaller boutique, established or a growing firm?
- ✧ Is career progression important to you or industry stability? Consider the security and growth of the industry you are considering.

Want a career in

Law

Commerce

Technology

A career in IP offers all three



Earning between
£28k - £150k +



Be part of a
booming industry



Have job
security

Graduate options

- Work placements
- Career taster sessions
- Summer placements
- Patent internships

What do I need?

A science degree. No Law experience required; you will learn this on the job.

How long before I qualify?

About 4-5 years.

Your next steps

1. Research the industry visit IP careers and CIPA.
2. Research firms and contact their HR departments for more information i.e. graduate programmes.



Coffee, cake and a chat...

We offer a range of options to help you decide if this industry is for you and if you want to join Secerna to make that jump.

Call us to arrange an informal chat over coffee and cake with one of our graduates and ask them about the industry and working with us.

Or take a look at www.secerna.com/careers to find out about a day in the life of a patent attorney.



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