



Careers in Ideas *Summer of IP:* Opportunity with Marks & Clerk LLP



What's on offer?

Insight day – An introduction to working in intellectual property

Who with?

Marks & Clerk LLP

Where and when?

Manchester, Thursday 24 August 2023

Application deadline: 28 July 2023



Some more detailed information...

(Please read “the formal stuff” below,
and make sure you’re comfortable with it, before you apply.)

The activity provider’s name and address	Marks & Clerk LLP 1 New York Street Manchester M1 4HD https://www.marks-clerk.com/
Its main area(s) of business	Intellectual property – patents, trade marks, commercial IP, litigation and dispute resolution
More about what’s on offer	Insight afternoon from 12:45 to 16:45, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to the IP industry • Overview of roles: patent / trade mark attorney and support roles • What is a patent / trade mark? • Typical recruitment process in IP • What skills / attributes IP firms look for in applications • Q&A and networking opportunities
Who is this activity for?	Anyone interested in working in IP, whether as a patent or trade mark attorney or in a business support role. Those interested in patents need to have or be studying for a STEM degree. Those interested in trade marks could hold or be studying for a degree in any subject, in particular law, English or modern languages. Participants must be 18 or over.
How many places are on offer?	15-20
How to apply	Please register online at https://apply.workable.com/marksand-clerk/ , where you will also find more information about the event.
For in-person activities & events: will participants’ travel expenses be reimbursed?	Yes, local rail travel from around the Manchester area (up to £20) will be reimbursed on production of a receipt. If you have questions about this please contact us.



Additional information we think you should know	Dress code: we operate a smart/casual dress code in our offices. No requirement to come in a suit. Please take a look at the Marks & Clerk website careers page: https://www.marks-clerk.com/about-us/careers/
Who to contact if you've any questions or concerns	graduates@marks-clerk.com

Summer of IP introductory events

Before you take part in any *Summer of IP* activity, please join one or more of our introductory events. These are provided by our Careers in Ideas team and will introduce you to the basics about intellectual property and the careers available here. Some will give more detail about routes into particular careers, even helping you to put your application together or giving you a chance to speak to people who already work in IP.

You can find more information about these events on our *Summer of IP* webpage at <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/careers-in-ideas/summer-of-ip-2023/>. Keep an eye out as we'll be adding more events as we go along.

You could also consider signing up to our Mentoring Hub (<https://ipinclusive.org.uk/careers-in-ideas-mentoring-hub/>) if you're interested in an IP career and would like a little help getting in.



The formal stuff

Summer of IP activities are run by individual participating organisations, all of whom recruit into IP sector roles in the UK. They decide for themselves what type of activity or event they want to offer; where, when and for how long it takes place; and the people it's suitable for. They take responsibility for complying with relevant legislation and other appropriate safeguards. *They will treat you fairly, considerately and respectfully.*

All of them have agreed to comply with our *Summer of IP* guidelines, which you can find at <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/230208-summer-of-ip-activity-provider-guidelines.pdf>. The guidelines are there to ensure that participating organisations have the appropriate provisions in place to ensure the activity is a success. They will help to safeguard participants' privacy and wellbeing, the quality of the *Summer of IP* offerings and their alignment with IP Inclusive's objectives (see "About Careers in Ideas" below).

For instance, although activity providers can set their own – reasonable – criteria for selecting people to take part in their activity, they must have an objective and non-discriminatory recruitment process. The process and its timings should be clear and transparent and have reasonable adjustment policies in place which support those who have a condition, impairment or disability.

All activity providers are committed to improving equality, diversity and inclusion within the UK IP professions. They are IP Inclusive supporters and partners and/or signatories to the IP Inclusive EDI Charter¹. Many have an individual in their organisation who has signed our Senior Leaders' Pledge².

If you have any problems or concerns about a *Summer of IP* activity, please contact the activity provider directly. We've provided information about how to do that in the table above.

About Careers in Ideas

Careers in Ideas is the outreach arm of IP Inclusive, an initiative which aims to promote and increase equality, diversity, inclusion and wellbeing in the UK's IP professions (see <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/> and <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/careers-in-ideas/>). The Careers in Ideas mission is to improve awareness of, and access to, IP-related careers, in particular for currently under-represented groups. It provides a range of resources aimed at school, college and university students, career changers, and their advisers. It has its own website (<https://careersinideas.org.uk/>) and a dedicated mentoring hub (see <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/careers-in-ideas-mentoring-hub/>).

Importantly, Careers in Ideas exists to promote the full range of IP sector careers, including associated business support roles.

¹ See <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/about/our-charter/>

² See <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/the-ip-inclusive-senior-leaders-pledge/>



To find out more about Careers in Ideas, visit our website at <https://careersinideas.org.uk/>, or follow us on Twitter (@CareersInIdeas) or LinkedIn (Careers In Ideas).

IP Inclusive and Careers in Ideas are governed by IP Inclusive Management (IPIM). For information about IPIM, and its contact details, please visit <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/ip-inclusive-management/>.

About Summer of IP

Summer of IP is a Careers in Ideas campaign to raise awareness of IP sector careers and offer pre-application opportunities to a wider range of potential recruits. It will comprise a series of events and activities taking place during the summer of 2023. For more information about *Summer of IP*, including other activities and events, see <https://ipinclusive.org.uk/careers-in-ideas/summer-of-ip-2023/>.