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# Voluntary vacation scheme

Our voluntary vacation scheme\* offers a select few the opportunity to see what it's really like to be a patent or trade mark attorney at one of the most successful IP firms in the UK. We're not saying that this week long scheme will be a breeze. It will be hands on and you'll be working across teams and offices, and with real cases. You'll be asked to contribute from the moment you walk through the door and the week will be jam-packed with case lessons, workshops, shadowing and mentoring.

## A virtual scheme

Currently, we plan to hold the 2021 scheme virtually. As things progress next year and the state of the pandemic becomes more clear we may change the format to be office based however, for the moment it is a virtual work placement.

## Our firm

We could talk about how we are one of the UK's largest intellectual property (IP) firms and that we are proud of our award winning reputation but what's just as important to us as a firm are the people. Our people are our biggest assets. We have over 200 people working across the firm in 7 offices throughout the UK and Europe.

In return for the passion and commitment we like to give something back. Respect and recognition for a job well done. And helping develop your skills and progress your career.

## Who can apply

The scheme is intended for undergraduates, in their penultimate or final year, and postgraduates. We also encourage applications from those who are already part of the professional world but who are seeking a change of career. The common factor is that all those that get a place on the voluntary vacation scheme are excellent communicators, both written and verbal. Also, all have relevant undergraduate/postgraduate degree and/or industry experience.

## Entry requirements

You will need:

- To have obtained, or to have predicted, at least a 2:1 in a relevant academic subject at undergraduate level. Those with a patent interest must be studying for, or already have, an undergraduate degree in a relevant technical field (science and/or engineering).
- 340 UCAS points (AAB) at A Level.

## How do I apply?

Writing a covering letter to accompany your CV is always difficult but it is a crucial part of the application process. It is your opportunity to demonstrate your capabilities and suitability to join our graduate programme. It is also a great vehicle to show a little of your personality and enables you to stand out from other well qualified applicants.

Within your covering letter you must answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to join Boult Wade Tennant's voluntary vacation scheme?
2. What do you hope to gain from participating in the scheme?
3. Why do you think you would make a good patent or trade mark attorney?

How you answer these questions is up to you but you must include full and succinct answers.

**Please send your covering letter and CV to [vacationscheme@boult.com](mailto:vacationscheme@boult.com)**

**Good luck!**

\* Our vacation scheme is not an internship but rather a work experience opportunity. The aim of the vacation scheme is to give candidates an insight into what it is really like to be a patent or trade mark attorney.