

A photograph of three people in an office setting, viewed through a glass partition with vertical white bars. The people are looking at documents. In the background, a city skyline with tall buildings is visible through a large window. A blue geometric pattern of triangles is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Launch Your Career

At Mathys & Squire LLP

Where scientific expertise meets legal strategy.

About Mathys & Squire

Mathys & Squire is a leading intellectual property powerhouse, helping businesses secure and strengthen one of their most valuable strategic assets. As one of Europe's leading intellectual property firms, with a history stretching back over a century. We specialise in helping innovators protect and commercialise their ideas, working with clients ranging from ambitious start-ups and universities to global corporations and household brands.

Our work spans every major field of technology, from artificial intelligence and clean energy to life sciences, engineering, and consumer electronics. Wherever innovation is happening, you will find our attorneys playing a key role in turning ideas into protected, valuable assets.

Your role

As a trainee patent attorney, you will use your scientific expertise to solve complex problems and shape the future of innovation. You will advise inventors and businesses on how best to protect new technologies, draft and prosecute patent applications in the UK and internationally, and help clients develop strategies to safeguard and commercialise their intellectual property.

This is a career that allows you to stay close to science and technology while developing new skills in law and business were no two days are the same.



As a trainee, I feel like I have had a great balance of learning the basics of patent law, and case work to put this into practice. The subject matter of work has been varied – sometimes directly related to my specialism, and other times more broadly mechanical in nature. This has been both challenging and engaging, and it really does feel like I am learning new things every day!

Tammy Sembi - Technical Assistant, IT & Engineering



Your Journey

We welcome applications from graduates and postgraduates in physics, engineering, biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and related disciplines. You do not need a legal background; curiosity, attention to detail, and a willingness to learn are what matter most.

Our structured training programme combines hands-on experience with formal study, preparing you to qualify as both a UK Chartered Patent Attorney and a European Patent Attorney. You will work directly with clients, supported by expert mentors, while gaining insight into diverse sectors such as pharmaceuticals, aerospace, telecommunications, and renewable energy.

Progression is built into your journey. As your knowledge grows, so will your responsibilities, with opportunities to take ownership of cases, advise clients independently, and explore specialist areas that match your interests.

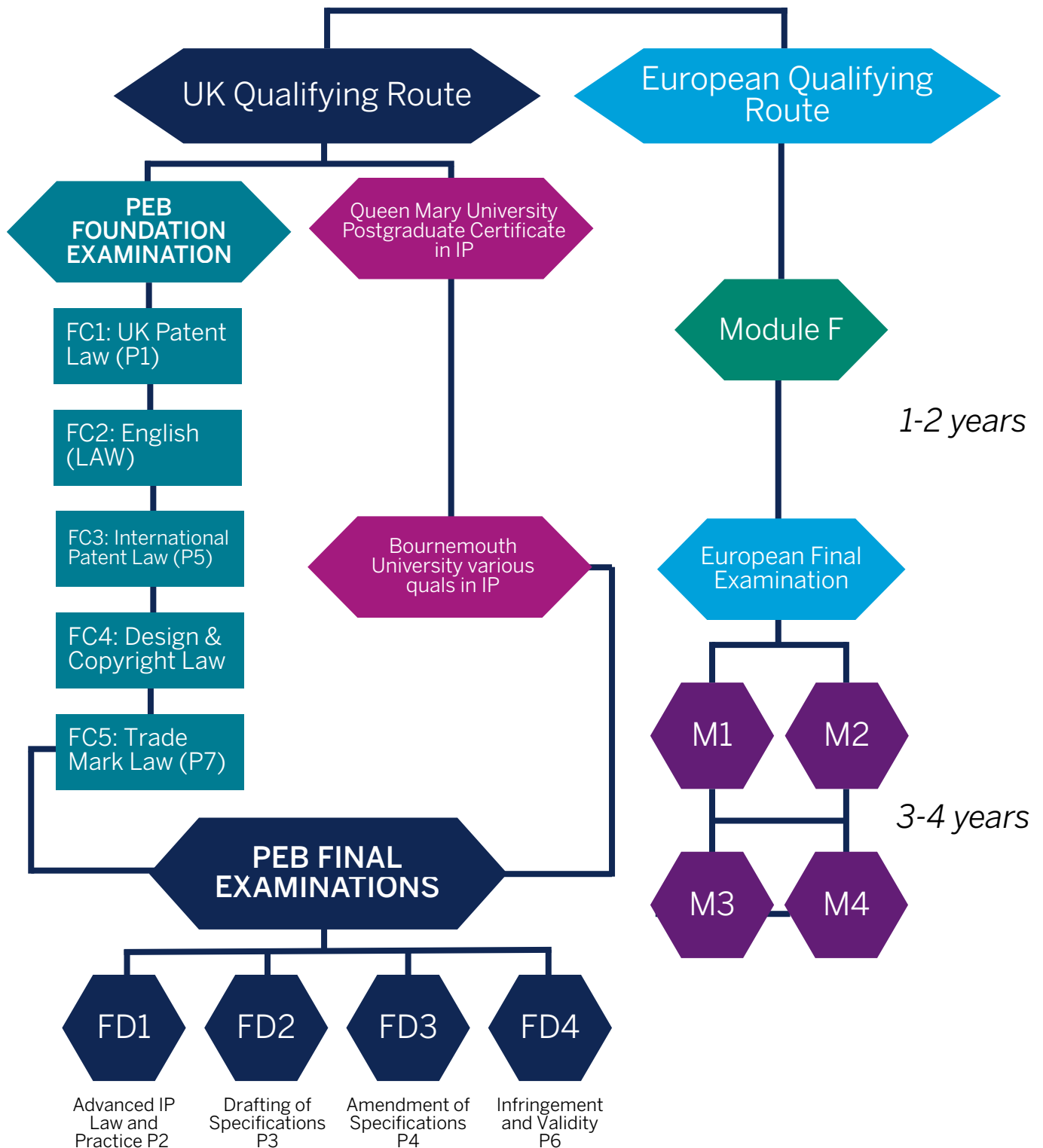


Mathys has a wide-ranging training package to support trainees on their route to qualification and beyond. This includes training right from the moment that you start your career at Mathys and continues even when you are fully qualified. We are proud of the quality of our training, which is illustrated by the higher than average pass rate that trainees at Mathys achieve.

Andrew White - Partner



Qualifying exams



Our culture

At the heart of our success are our people.

At Mathys & Squire, you will join a collaborative and supportive environment where trainees are trusted as valued members of the team from the outset encouraged to take on responsibility and supported to thrive. We combine intellectual challenge with commercial awareness, and we are proud of our culture of mentoring, professional development, and inclusivity.

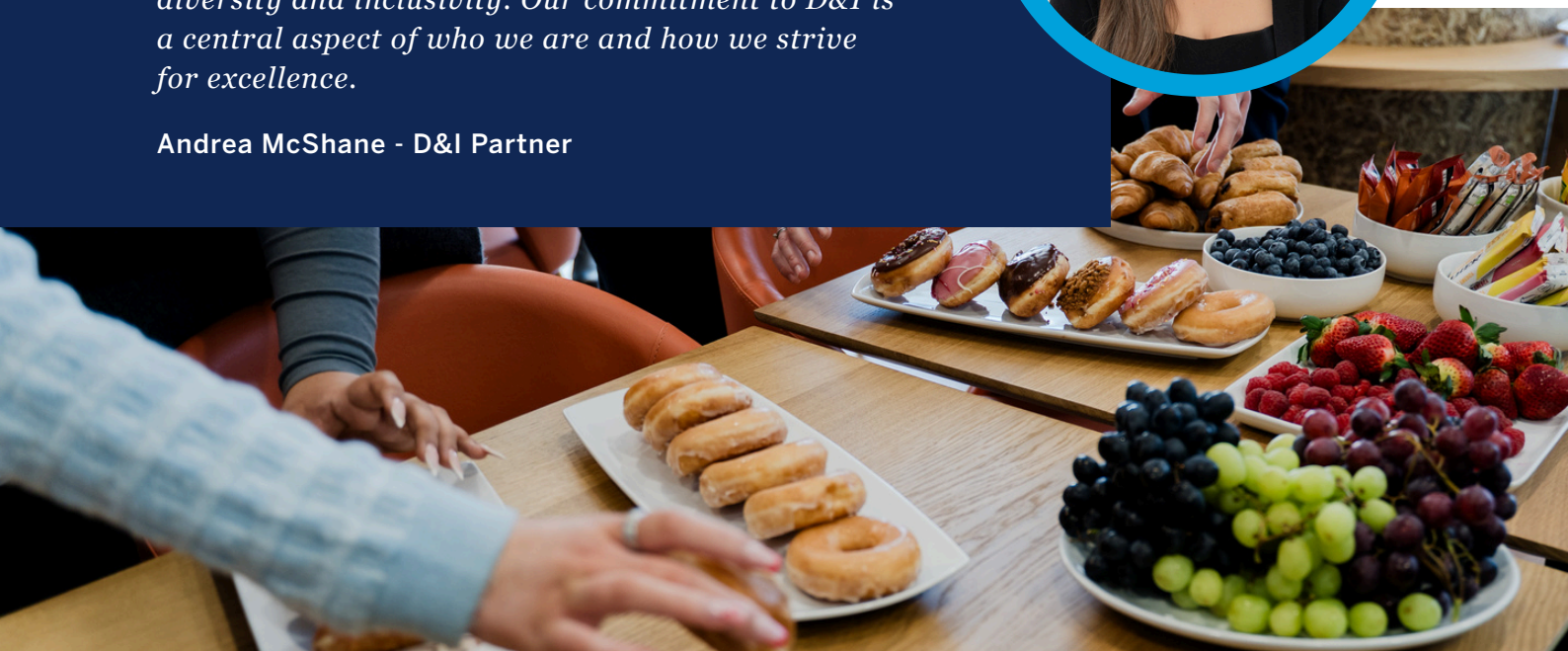
Our offices in London, Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, York, Birmingham, and Munich provide opportunities to work in different regions and markets, with flexible arrangements that encourage both teamwork and independence.

Through our D&I Committee and partnerships with organisations such as Career Ready, In2Science, and IP Inclusive, we champion initiatives that foster fairness, openness, and opportunity across the profession. We are proud to support events that celebrate lived experiences, invest in mental health and wellbeing, and create pathways for underrepresented groups to enter the IP sector.

By nurturing diverse perspectives and empowering the next generation, Mathys & Squire is shaping a stronger, more inclusive future for intellectual property.

It is such a privilege to be involved in fostering diversity & inclusivity at Mathys & Squire. So much great work has been focused on establishing a robust framework at Mathys & Squire for ensuring diversity and inclusivity. Our commitment to D&I is a central aspect of who we are and how we strive for excellence.

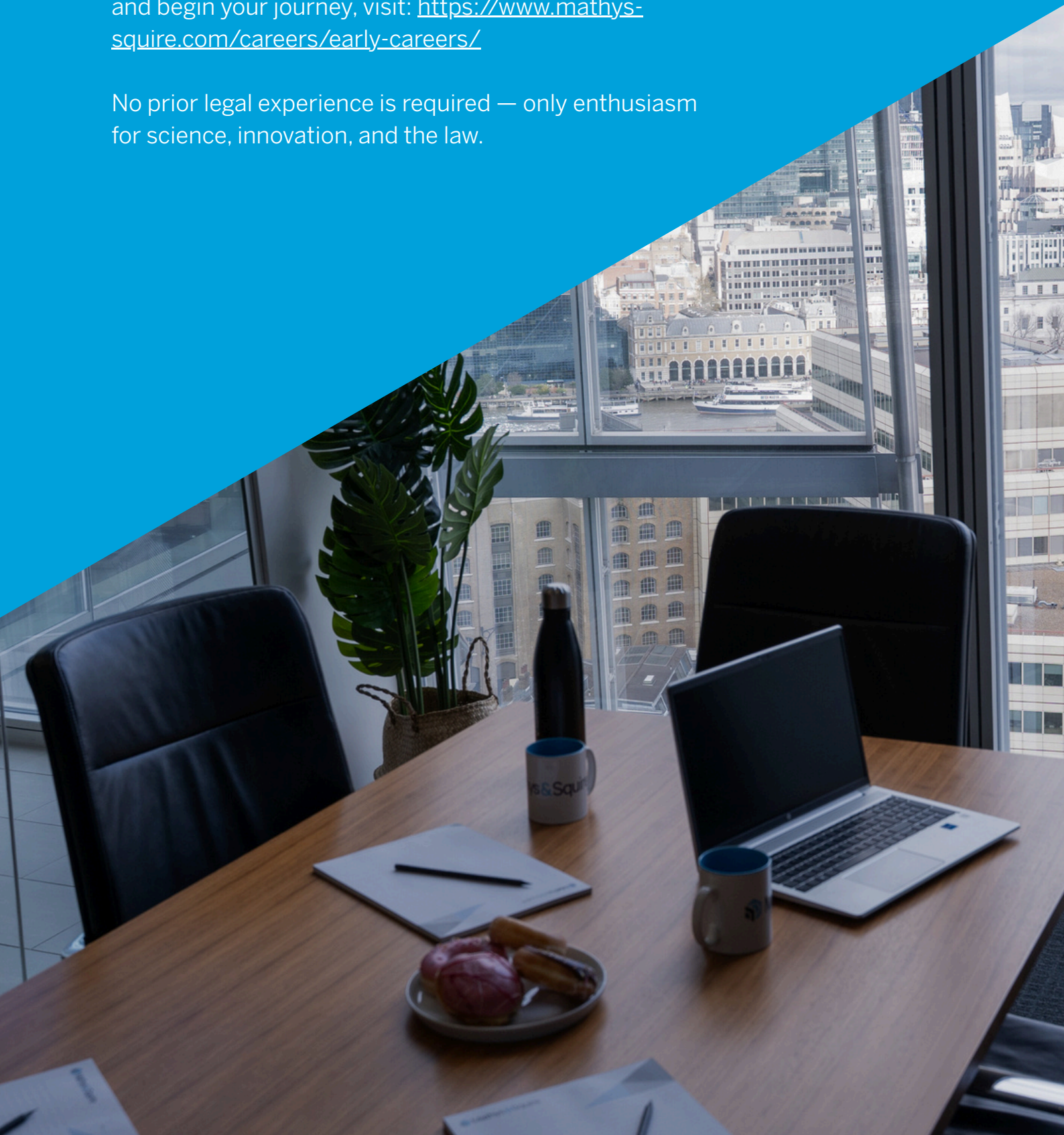
Andrea McShane - D&I Partner



Next Steps

We recruit talented STEM graduates each year and our 2026 applications are now open. To explore opportunities and begin your journey, visit: <https://www.mathys-squire.com/careers/early-careers/>

No prior legal experience is required — only enthusiasm for science, innovation, and the law.





I feel very grateful to have started my training here to become a patent attorney. The in-house introductory course on both general patent law and claim drafting through to the tutorials provided for our exams are evidence of the firm's commitment to supporting our journey to qualification and giving us the best chance for success. I've found the culture to be very friendly, conscientious, and driven, with approachable and helpful partners, support staff, and HR. There is a camaraderie between the trainees that I've very much enjoyed. Overall, I would highly recommend Mathys and Squire to anyone considering a career in IP.

Lynsey Steel - Technical Assistant, Biotechnology



My first year at Mathys & Squire couldn't have been better, everyone has been so friendly and supportive, answering any questions I have. The in-house tutorials have helped me massively with getting underway with the work and to get up to speed with the law. There's also been plenty of varied socials which have been great to get to know everyone.

Alexander Osbourne - Technical Assistant, Chemistry

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Protecting Ideas. Empowering Innovation.

