

TRAINEE PROGRAMME

Application period: Applicable to long-term planning and published on LinkedIn and awa.com well in advance.

Programme start date: September /In the relevant years/

Duration: Approx. seven-month training programme

Criteria:

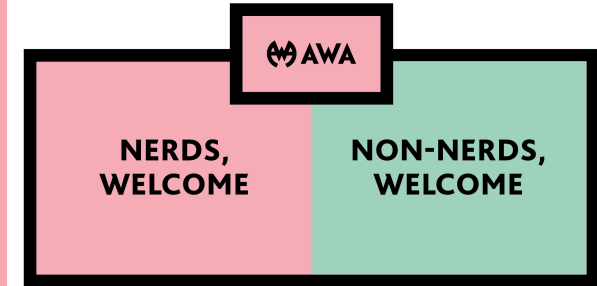
Engineering-related background:

- Electrical engineering, computer technology, biotechnology, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, engineering physics and industrial economics.

Business drive and spirit:

- Wide technical range – Be adaptable and a fast learner, driven by new challenges every day.
- Business-minded – See new business opportunities for both AWA and your clients.
- Curious and attentive – Ask the right questions and find the best solutions.

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ENGINEERS, WELCOME

Both nerds and non-nerds! Your traits are equally important to us. With your combined strengths including technical interest, broad background, generalism, dedication and thoroughness we can shape the future of AWA and our clients.

Our trainee programme for prospective patent attorneys and future experts in the field of Intellectual Property is unique in Europe, and perhaps the only one of its kind in the whole world. During our exceptional training, you will mix expert theory with hands-on practice. Already from the start of the trainee programme you will have a full-time position as an associate at one of our offices.

Our engineers help today's companies develop tomorrow's innovations.

ANNA INGEBRAND - Trainee Programme 2016/2017

Senior Associate, European Patent Attorney, UPC Representative
BA Materials, Mechanics & Manufacturing



Give us a quick glimpse of your role and background.

I'm a European Patent Attorney at AWA's Östersund office where I work with a number of local, national and international clients active in different technical fields. I have an engineering degree in materials science and engineering.

Why did you apply for the trainee programme at AWA?

One of the things that was appealing to me was the chance to work within a variety of technical fields and the latest developments within these. I also enjoy reading, writing, and analysing.

In your opinion, what is the best aspect of being a trainee at AWA?

The fantastic training process involving many colleagues sharing their experience and knowledge through lectures and tutoring.

What has the trainee programme meant to your career?

It opened my eyes to the world of IP, and how I can contribute to the development of the industry from a more strategic and yet technical perspective. For me, it confirmed that it is within this field, and particularly at AWA, that I want to continue to develop professionally.

What's your advice to future applicants?

Take the chance – I would do it again any day!

ERIK FREDSTORP - Trainee Programme 2015/2016

Associate Partner, European Patent Attorney,
Deputy Business Area Manager - BA Software & Communications



Give us a quick glimpse of your role and background.

I'm a European Patent Attorney with a degree in engineering nanoscience. I advise and represent our clients in matters related to patents, and, I also lead a group of patent attorneys within one of our business areas.

Why did you apply for the trainee programme at AWA?

It was an excellent way to enter a completely new field. I had always assumed IP was reserved for lawyers, so discovering that engineers could play a key role was a real surprise. The combination of technical and legal aspects sparked my interest early on and remains a passion more than a decade later.

What has the trainee programme meant to your career?

It's a profession where you're constantly learning, which can be frustrating at times, but it's also what keeps the job fresh every day. Especially so at AWA, where employees are given great freedom to explore their areas of interest. As for me, I have been specializing in patent disputes, and recently represented a client in several cases before the Swedish Patent and Market Court. It was both challenging and exciting, and for sure a highlight of my career.