

## Exceptional Foundation. Empowering Career.

Vinson & Elkins is a global law firm with more than 700 lawyers across 14 offices. We opened our London office in 1971, putting us among the first U.S. law firms to operate in the city.

We currently offer four to six training contracts commencing in September each year. Our smaller intake of trainees means that every hire we make is an important investment for the firm, because each team member has a distinct role to play in delivering outstanding client service. It also means that, as a Vinson & Elkins lawyer, you'll work on high-value, complex and globally focused matters from the outset of your career. While based in London, trainees often take secondments in our other offices.

We recruit from the best candidates, and our training contracts reflect this — both in the quality of training and work and in the highly competitive salary and benefits.

### Core Practice Areas

- Antitrust
- Aviation Finance
- Construction (Contentious and Non-contentious)
- Energy Transactions and Projects
- International Dispute Resolution & Arbitration
- Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets

### Compensation & Benefits

- £60,000 for first-year trainees
- £65,000 for second-year trainees
- £173,077 newly qualified (2026)
- V&E preparatory course(s) and examination for the SQE funded
- Maintenance grant of £20,000 for the SQE year





All students who attend one of our vacation schemes will automatically be considered for a training contract. We typically recruit all of our trainees from our Spring/Summer Vacation Scheme and strongly recommend that all candidates apply by 8 January 2027.

## Key Dates

### Spring/Summer 2027 Vacation Scheme

Applications Open: 5 October 2026

Applications Close: 8 January 2027

Week-long placements will be held between April – August 2027.

### Autumn/Winter 2027 Vacation Scheme

Applications Open: 11 January 2027

Applications Close: 11 June 2027

Week-long placements between October – December 2027.

Please note, the Autumn/Winter Vacation Scheme will only take place if there are still training contract positions available following the Spring/Summer Vacation Scheme.

### 2027 Open Day – Discover

This open day is for students who are due to graduate in 2029.

Event Date: 15 April 2027

Applications Open: 2 November 2026

Applications Close: 5 February 2027

## What Connects Us

At Vinson & Elkins, we believe that a healthy culture strengthens the firm and keeps us connected; and these four core values reinforce what makes V&E unique.



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