

# IST



Supporting the technical workforce in the  
creative, digital, engineering and  
science technologies

IST - The Professional Body for the Technical Workforce



The IST is uniquely an organisation run by technical people for technical people. We support these incredibly important people in all areas, not just science but in all technical fields and disciplines. The IST has been supporting the technical profession and helping people to develop the technical skills that the world's economy needs for nearly 70 years. We represent all sorts of technical experts and managers wherever they work.

We can:

- Accredit you as a Chartered Scientist, Registered Scientist, Science Technician, or Technical Practitioner
- Offer a CPD framework tailored specifically for technical, specialist, and managerial role profiles
- Provide a unique opportunity to make technical contacts across a range of disciplines
- Assist you to develop your career, your skills, and your interests
- Give an official endorsement to the training you have completed at work



## Developing new skills

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It is our mission to ensure that industry, business, research, schools, colleges, and universities have the staff they need to keep up with the constant advances in technology. The IST encourages members to pursue training and qualifications, tailored to their needs, so that they can expand their skills and respond to an ever-changing workplace. There is advice and guidance available

for members (particularly new or young ones) through the IST's Mentoring Support Network. Our work with organisations such as HEaTED and unionlearn, promotes the professional development of technical staff in all areas. Together we are ensuring people working in technical roles get the support and opportunities they need to achieve their potential.

## Achieving recognition

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As the professional body for technical, specialist, and managerial staff we are actively involved in the professional recognition of technical people working in education, research, government, and industry. Our Registration Schemes are essential to establish your professional standing, acknowledge your expertise, and to enhance your career prospects. We encourage our members to further their careers by pursuing professional and personal development, and by attaining a professional status that recognises the value of their experience and expertise. Central to this

is the IST's belief that people who work in technical roles deserve formal recognition for the work that they do, the experience they've racked up and the expertise they have to share. We know that our members are skilled professionals, and we can give them official accreditation as a Chartered Scientist (CSci), Registered Scientist (RSci), Registered Science Technician (RSciTech), or Registered Practitioner (MIScT(Reg) or FIScT(Reg)), to prove it.

## Forming networks

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We are working hard to bring technical people from all disciplines into our international community of technical specialists. Our world-wide network of members covers a diverse range of fields and disciplines, and provides a unique opportunity to make technical contacts across business, industry, research, government, and education to help address the technical challenges that these areas face together.

We know how important it is for people who work in technical roles to be able to develop their skills and have their expertise recognised. We know too, as we look to the future, that many more highly skilled technical people are needed. That's why the IST has dedicated itself to continuing to raise the status of technical, specialist, and managerial staff and to continue to support their progression.



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