



Supporting the technical workforce in the creative, digital, artificial intelligence, engineering, healthcare and science technologies for over 75 years.



**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE IST
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

Who We Are

Founded in **1948** by senior academics, researchers and industry leaders, the Institute of Science & Technology (IST) is a professional body dedicated to supporting technical professionals across all sectors.

We were created to champion professionalism in technical careers; and that mission continues today.

Unlike organisations focused solely on STEM fields, IST embraces a broad-church of work fields and sectors, including **STEAMM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics & Medicine), **Creative Industries** and **Artificial Intelligence**.

We support professionals working in higher education, research and teaching, healthcare, government, industry, business, freelance and emerging sectors.

What We Believe



Technicians are **not just** support staff.

They are innovators, problem-solvers, leaders, educators and specialists who underpin research excellence and teaching, industry growth and technological advancement.

Technical careers are no longer linear or confined to laboratories. They span creative studios, artificial intelligence development, advanced manufacturing, digital infrastructure, healthcare environments and interdisciplinary research spaces, teaching leadership and management.

The IST recognises this reality.

We provide the professional recognition and support that reflects modern technical careers.

AI, Creative & STEAMM

Our leadership team is made up of experienced senior professionals who volunteer their time to give back to the technical community. Their expertise, alongside our **Fellows** and **members**, ensures that IST remains practitioner-led, forward-thinking and deeply connected to the real challenges technicians face.

Our membership extends both nationally and internationally.

At our core, we exist to ensure technical professionals are:

- Visible
- Recognised
- Professionally developed
- Supported for long-term career success

Why Become a Member?

When you join the IST, you gain more than a membership certificate.

You gain these **TOP TEN** benefits:

1. Letters after your name
2. Professional recognition pathways
3. Access to accredited training
4. Structured CPD support
5. Mentoring and career guidance
6. National networking opportunities
7. Publishing platforms
8. Awards and fellowship routes
9. A voice in shaping technical standards
10. A professional community that understands your role

Whether you are a technician, technologist, manager, academic or sector specialist, the IST can provide a professional home for you.



There are four grades of membership in the Institute to T-level and apprentices and trainees, specialists, freelancers, technical, and managerial staff.

Membership fees are:

- Affiliate: £10
- Associate (**AssocIScT**): £44
- Member (**MIScT**): £57
- Fellow (**FIScT**): £71

Join a Community that Champions You



Joining the IST was the turning point in my career.

For the first time, I felt recognised not just for what I do, but for the expertise and professionalism behind it. Through their 1-2-1 coaching, professional registration programme, and supportive community, I gained the confidence to step into new leadership and the credibility that opened new doors. If you're serious about progressing, being valued, and connecting with people who truly understand the technical profession – join now.



Technical professionals are central to innovation, research and teaching excellence, as well as economic growth.

IST exists to ensure your contribution is recognised, your career is supported and your expertise is valued.

We are practitioner - led.

We are future - focused.

We are committed to raising the status of technical careers.

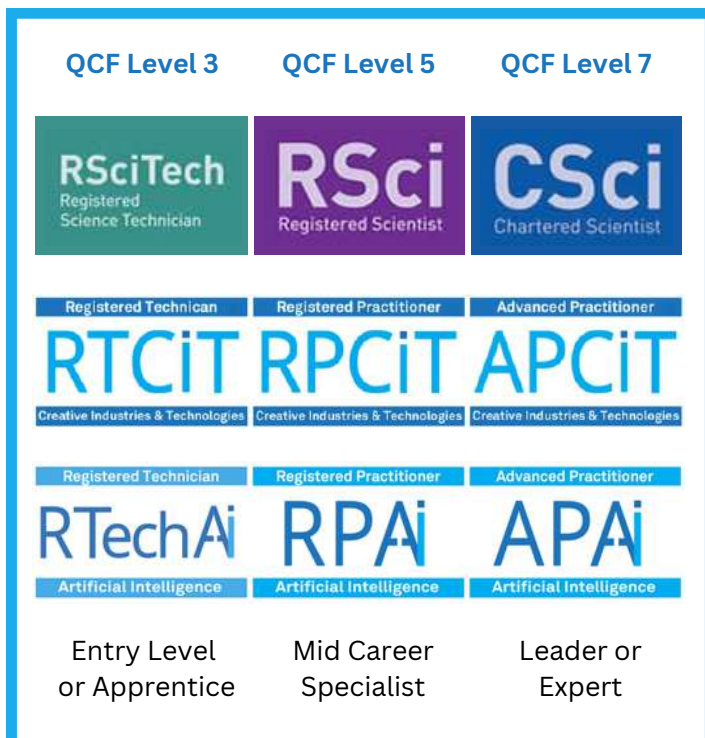
If you are ready to invest in your professional future, we invite you to join us to start your journey today.

What We Offer

1. Professional Registration and Accreditation

Professional recognition matters; it validates your expertise, demonstrates your competence against nationally recognised standards and provides formal acknowledgement of the knowledge, responsibility and impact you bring to your role.

As a licensed body of the **Science Council**, IST awards RSciTech, RSci and CSci. We have also developed **specialist registers** to reflect emerging sectors, such as the Creative Industries Professional Registers; RTCiT, RPCiT and APCiT and the Artificial Intelligence Registers; RTechAI, RRAI and APAI.



These registrations provide:

- Formal recognition of skills and experience
- Enhanced professional credibility
- Career progression opportunities
- Greater visibility within your sector
- A structured framework for ongoing development

2. Career Development and Training

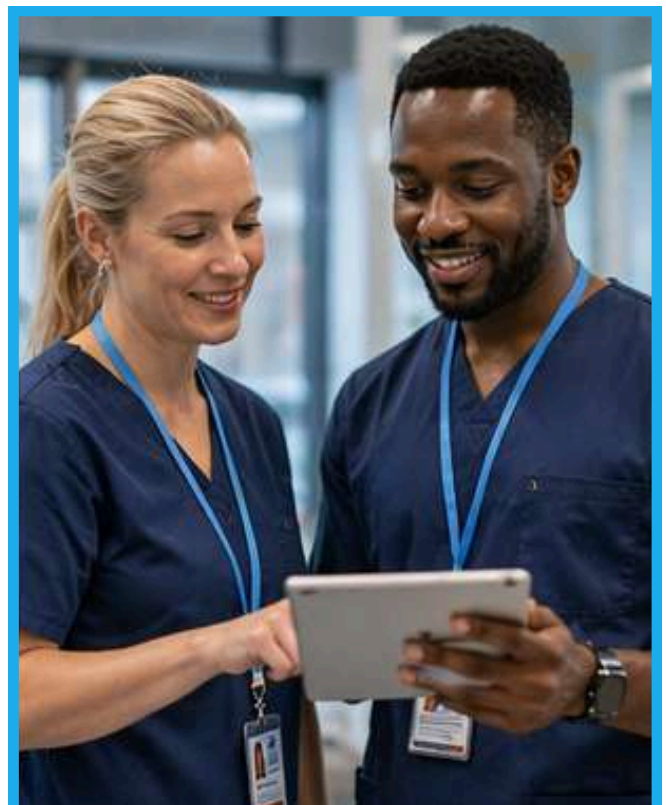
Your development is central to our work.

Whether you are just starting out, progressing into leadership, or pivoting into a new specialism such as artificial intelligence or creative technologies, we provide structured, meaningful support at every stage of your journey.

We offer:

- Accredited training programmes
- AI-focused technical courses
- Leadership development for technical managers in partnership with HEaTED
- Government-recognised training provision
- Course validation partnerships with universities and industry

Through collaboration with sector partners, we co-develop courses designed by technical professionals, for technicians and the wider community.



What We Offer

3. Mentoring and Professional Support

No one progresses alone. That's why we offer both tailored **1-2-1 coaching support** as well as interactive and collaborative **group sessions**.



Our mentoring scheme connects members with experienced professionals who can provide:

- Career guidance
- Support with professional registration
- Leadership advice
- Sector insight

Many of our Fellows, registered professionals and senior members volunteer as mentors, creating a powerful intergenerational support network.

4. National Conference and Events

Our One-Day Annual National Technical Conference is shaped by technicians, for technicians and the wider community.



The Conference provides:

- Professional networking
- Keynote speakers and expert panels
- Career development workshops
- Presentation opportunities
- Sector updates and policy insight

Hosted in different regions each year, the conference is designed to be accessible, inclusive and affordable.

Members also benefit from specialist events, webinars and community forums throughout the year.



What We Offer

5. Publications and Thought Leadership

We provide platforms for technical professionals to share their expertise.

Members can contribute to:

- The IST Journal
- The Tech Magazine
- Case studies and spotlight features

Our publications are open access, ensuring wide visibility and recognition.



Examples of IST publication covers that members receive and can contribute to, whether as experienced or first-time authors, with support from a peer-reviewed editorial board.

THE Publications

For many early-career technicians, publishing with IST provides a first step into professional authorship and sector influence.

6. Awards, Fellowships and Recognition

Excellence deserves celebration.



We offer:

- Professional awards
- Fellowship recognition
- Competition prizes
- Funded presentation opportunities



These initiatives shine a spotlight on outstanding technical professionals and inspire others across the community.



Our Commitment to Inclusion

A sustainable technical workforce must be diverse and inclusive.

IST actively supports:

- Women in Tech networks
- Inclusive workplace initiatives
- Engagement with under-represented groups
- Development of accessible resources

We embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion principles across our events, communications and governance.

We are committed to ensuring that every technician, regardless of their background, can see a future for themselves in their profession.



Supporting the Next Generation

We are actively involved in:

- Apprenticeship standards development
- T-Level frameworks
- Technical career pathway design
- Workforce planning discussions

By influencing national frameworks, we help ensure technical careers remain robust, future-ready and respected.





Become part of a professional body built for technical excellence.

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