

Achieve Recognition And Enhance Your Career Through Professional Registration

For technical, managerial and specialist staff, professional registration proves your competence, ability and integrity. It demonstrates your commitment to keeping your skills and knowledge up to date through continuing professional development. It connects you to professional and support networks.

The IST is firmly committed to enhancing professional development and recognition for technical and specialist staff at all levels and aims to help staff achieve these objectives by becoming Science Council Chartered Scientists, Registered Scientists or Registered Science Technicians. You will be assessed by a small panel of professional scientists based on evidence you provide that showcases:

- The breadth of your knowledge and skills
- Your commitment to personal and professional development
- Improvement opportunities and pathways

David Gill - Registered Scientist, Operations Manager, UK NEQAS for Immunology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals



“When I applied for registration a few years ago it was my way of documenting my personal and professional ‘continuous improvement’ (a phrase familiar to anyone associated with quality management) and furthering my career wasn’t really a consideration. However, a factory ‘restructuring’ exercise and a golden opportunity to take my career in a different direction made me see professional registration in a different light. In my current role I’m operations manager at a centre for the quality assessment of immunology testing laboratories and most of my staff and colleagues are IBMS registered medical scientists. Although I do not have a medical or clinical background, having the recognition of being a Science Council Registered Scientist through a professional body like the IST demonstrates that I have an equivalent and relevant level of professional development and that was an essential part of my successful application for the position.”

Suhel Miah - Chartered Scientist, Operations and Learning Services Manager, University of Westminster, UK



“I am delighted with the Chartered Scientist status. This is an achievement that recognises the standard of my work, ethos, service and expectations among colleagues, customers and clients in the profession and beyond. It highlights my professional commitment in the pursuit of excellence in the scientific field, coupled with a strong desire for upholding quality and development. I hope to continue raising the bar in supporting and advancing science and technology.”

Jennifer Louth - Registered Scientist, Microanalyst, University of Sheffield, UK



Jennifer Louth is a Microanalyst at the University of Sheffield. She took on the role while she was a Research Technician but her promotion panel wasn't sure if she had all the higher level skills needed for Grade 7. However, her then line manager Richard King found: *“As soon as I mentioned that she was one of the first Registered Scientists on campus, attitudes changed. Members realised that this was an objective external assessment they could rely on.”*

Val Gordon - Registered Scientist, Technical Officer, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh



“The process of achieving registration has given me renewed enthusiasm for my work, and motivated me to try new things and learn new skills. It's also made me more aware of my past achievements.”

Ben Palmer - Registered Scientist, Research Technician, University of Sheffield



“Having a well-rounded, diverse set of skills is vital to future job security, and becoming registered helps to demonstrate both competence and a willingness to develop. It certainly facilitated my recent transition into a new, more senior lab role and made me aware of the importance of recording and carrying out ongoing PPD activities.”

Kelly Vere - Registered Scientist, Senior Technician, University of Nottingham



“Technicians often have very specialist roles and work in environments that are dominated by other professions. It's easy for us to feel isolated and to forget that we have a professional identity too! Registration captures the fantastic contributions of technical staff to our organisations, and opens up a world of resources and networking opportunities that I never previously knew existed. Meeting and sharing best practice with colleagues from across the UK and beyond has been an additional benefit of the registration process and an invaluable part of my professional development.”

Sandra Taylor - Registered Scientist, Senior Research Technician, University of Manchester



“When I added my RSci status to my email signature, academic staff within the Faculty and professionals outside it were extremely positive when responding to me. For example, I got enthusiastic replies to my messages about organising the Faculty Seminar Series.” Sandra is further supported by her colleague Professor Humphries who says that the process requires adherence to defined standards in technician roles and commitment to personal development, but the benefits should include facilitated progression and better career opportunities.

Clint Gouveia - Chartered Scientist, Manufacturing and Test Manager, Aligent, UK



“I chose to apply for the CSci registration because it differentiates those scientists who have the determination to continuously search for innovative methods of working. As someone who has employed many excellent technicians and engineers over the past decade, I have learnt, with their help, that the process of continuous innovation, be it either in industry, or academia, leads to self-development and the catalyzing of new ideas. CSci represents those working in scientific and complex technical environments, who operate at the highest levels of scientific rigor and professional integrity, and this will always present an advantage in today's very competitive job market.”

Laila Soraya - Registered Science Technician, Particle Size Analyst,
National Laboratory Service, Environment Agency, Leeds, UK



"I feel that achieving the Registered Science Technician award has given my skills, knowledge and experience equal recognition as my colleagues who have formal qualifications. Having this award has enabled me to showcase the diversity of my skills and has also helped me to see how much I have achieved and where I want to progress and develop further in my career".

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