



Supporting technicians in chemistry



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Technician Commitment

Technicians are vital to the advancement of the chemical sciences and the health of our economy. We intend to influence the development of technical education for the chemical sciences, working with educators, policy makers and employers to ensure a supply of skilled technicians entering and staying in the sector.

The Science Council's Technician Commitment initiative ensures that universities and research institutions place technicians at the forefront of what they're doing.

As an official supporter, the Royal Society of Chemistry is pleased to outline our action plan which follows the Technician Commitment's four pillars of Visibility, Recognition, Career Development and Sustainability.

Visibility

Awards

To ensure a wide audience recognise the value of technicians, we offer a range of awards available to teams and individuals including the Higher Education Technical Excellence award, Industry Technician of the Year, and Apprentice of the Year.

Networking

Our networks provide opportunities for members to connect with each other face to face and online, with networks based on either regional area or specific subjects. With some funding available for travel, we bring people together to socialise, share ideas and collaborate.

Recognition

Professional registration

The Registered Scientist (RSci) and Registered Science Technician (RSciTech) awards recognise technicians' skills, knowledge and professionalism. These registers provide independent recognition of achieving and maintaining the exacting standards required to join the global community of professional scientists.

Accreditation

As well as providing a clear bespoke route to registered or chartered status for employees, our peer-reviewed accreditation provides employers with the confidence that their training and progression routes are of a recognised high standard. Accreditation helps companies to recruit and retain talented employees who are keen to develop their careers.

Career development

Technician skills development grant

Our skills development grant allows technicians to undertake short to mid-term visits to organisations either overseas or within their country of residence. These trips will allow technicians to develop the skills and knowledge they need to elevate their career to the next level.

Discounted training courses

We will help technicians identify high quality training to support their career development goals with our database of peer-reviewed and approved courses. We are working in partnership with HEaTED, the UK's leading provider of professional development and networking opportunities for the technical workforce, to offer our members discounts on their approved training courses.

Sustainability

Outreach fund

Our outreach fund provides financial support to members, individuals and organisations to run chemistry-based public and schools engagement activities that inspire the next generation to choose chemistry and view a career as a technician in a new light.

Mentoring

We can offer mentors or mentoring opportunities to members of the RSC. The aim is to provide professional advice and greater clarity around career goals and networking that will help individuals to understand the opportunities that a career as a technician might offer.