

## **BSAS Animal Scientist and Technologist Register**

**BSAS Accreditation provides a mark of assurance of your work** and achievements when dealing with clients, colleagues, employers, collaborators, funders, government, and other societies.

BSAS raises the standards of excellence in the abilities, conduct and reputation of its members and by accrediting their professional activities, furthers members' interests.

### **Joining the Register**

Membership of the Accreditation Register is open to all those working in food-production, animal welfare, equine, companion animals and zoo animals, in the topics of animal science, animal technology or animal care in the academic, industry or government policy sector. The Register, which is open to public view is a mark of assurance.

### **Benefits**

A Registered Animal Scientist or Animal Technologist benefits (amongst other things) from:

- Public recognition of competencies, knowledge and professional status at home and internationally
- Evidence to support career development opportunities
- Provides independent verification of responsible and reputable conduct
- Evidence of an audited programme of Continued Professional Development (CPD), appropriate to the individual's own areas of expertise
- For organisations, BSAS Accreditation demonstrates a culture of high-quality staff training and skills development
- Greater opportunity to share knowledge and being seen by potential employers.

### **Applications**

Accreditation is open to those working in food-production, animal welfare, equine, companion animals and zoo animals in the topics of animal science, animal technology or animal care in the academic, industry or government policy sector. You can apply to be registered as one of the following:

Receiver of knowledge - LEARNING animal science

- **Student (Affiliate)** – in full time education, studying animal science, animal technology or animal care

User of knowledge - APPLYING animal science

- **Animal Technologist (Associate)** - Early Career
- **Animal Technologist (Certified)** - Professional level

Seeker of knowledge - CONDUCTING animal science

- **Animal Scientist (Associate)** - Early Career
- **Animal Scientist (Certified)** - Professional level

## **Process**

When you apply to become accredited you will be asked about your expertise. Applicants can choose from a number of proficiencies that they feel are appropriate to them, including written publications in the public domain, teaching, management and knowledge seeking research and development.

Applications are assessed on individual merit by two assessors. You may be asked to provide further information.

## **Designation**

Members will select their own CPD programmes as appropriate to their own particular designation (Student, Scientist or Technologist), Level (Affiliate, Associate or Certified). These programmes may be provided by any appropriate organisations, in-house or extra-mural. CPD programmes are also provided by BSAS through its range of annual and occasional meetings and training workshops. Members can also choose to accrue points through other societies and organisations as appropriate to their competencies and specialisms.

## **Early Careers**

The BSAS Accreditation Register is not just for those who are established in their careers, with its 'Affiliate' and 'Associate' levels specifically designed to recognise the knowledge and expertise of those early on in their career. The register is applicable to a vast range of disciplines relating to early career animal science and technology. From those studying in higher education in animal science or veterinary related courses, to those starting out in relevant industry or policy careers. Applying and maintaining registration improves key professional skills and exposes those in the early stages of their career to processes which they may not otherwise have been introduced.

## **Cost**

Application to the register is free for individual members of BSAS. There is a cost of £150 to those that are not members of BSAS. A discounted application fee of £75 is available to APSA members. There is an annual maintenance charge of £25.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions, wish to discuss which level is most appropriate for you or need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact our dedicated register team on [register@bsas.org.uk](mailto:register@bsas.org.uk) or visit <https://www.bsas.org.uk/accreditation>