

Accreditation Assessor role description

About the RSC

The Royal Society of Chemistry is an international organisation connecting chemical scientists with each other, with other scientists, and with society as a whole. We develop, recognise and celebrate professional capabilities, and we bring people together to spark new ideas and new partnerships.

One of our Royal Charter objectives requires us:

to establish, uphold and advance the standards of qualification, competence and conduct of those who practise chemistry as a profession

More than 450 degree programmes at over 80 universities and higher education institutions around the world are currently accredited by our well-established and respected accreditation system. Through accreditation, we promote good practices in the university education of chemical scientists, and make sure that future practising chemical scientists are knowledgeable and competent.

Why is accreditation important?

Accreditation of degree programmes by professional and statutory bodies is a mark of assurance that particular standards are met. Accredited programmes at higher education institutions address the needs of employers and students and provide marketing advantages for universities. Our accreditation is a peer review process founded on the judgement of professional chemists. This ultimately provides a credible and independently verifiable method for employers and students to differentiate between degree programmes.

More information on degree accreditation and criteria is available through our website:

<https://www.rsc.org/membership-and-community/degree-accreditation/>

Personal Specification

- You must be MRSC or FRSC
- You must have supported at least one complete cohort through an accredited degree programme (3-4 years+ experience)
- You must be actively involved in the delivery and teaching at an institution which offers RSC accredited programmes
- It would be desirable if you have worked on the preparation of an accreditation application, however this is not essential.

Please note a department can have no more than one assessor at any one time.

Role requirements

- This is a voluntary unpaid role, with any expenses incurred during travel paid by the RSC. Administration and logistics for visits is managed by the RSC.
- An assessor will review 3-4 applications per year from universities against [16 key requirements](#)
- Assessors are expected to only review content from an area which they are an expert e.g. organic/physical/inorganic/analytical
- Assessors will be expected to make 1-2 visits per year as part of the accreditation process. During visits the assessor will participate in discussions with staff on the application and with students on student experience.
- Assessors will review all aspects of a course and make a recommendation for accreditation to the Committee for Accreditation and Validation (CAV) on whether accreditation should be awarded. CAV will make the final decisions on awarding accreditation.
- There is one all assessor meeting held per year (usually in September)

- The RSC accredit in the UK and internationally. There is the opportunity for international travel but this is based on personal preference.

The RSC is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I). Our values are that we are professional, dedicated, enabling and respectful. We aim to ensure our committees are representative of the breadth and diversity of our community, that everyone feels respected and able to give of their best