The Science Council is a membership organization representing the learned societies and professional institutions across the breadth of science in the UK.

Its purpose is to provide a collective voice for science and scientists and to maintain standards across all the scientific disciplines. The Science Council provides its member organisations with opportunities to share common concerns, to network with government and others, and to work towards collective action to achieve multidisciplinary solutions to emerging issues.

For more information see www.sciencecouncil.org

For information on the benefits of CSci, the competencies required, and how to apply, email csci@sciencecouncil.org or visit www.charteredscientist.org
Why?

- Being chartered is the mark of professional recognition. Being a Chartered Scientist allows all scientists working at the full professional level to be recognised on an equal footing.
- It gives an assurance of current competence through mandatory revalidation, and encapsulates the interdisciplinary nature of science in the 21st century.
- By benchmarking professional scientists at the same high level, CSci aims to re-engage public trust and confidence in science and scientists.

Who?

- All those working in the practice, application, advancement or teaching of science can become CSci with the appropriate combination of qualifications and experience.
- Chartered Scientists work in an ever-growing diversity of settings, from Food Science to Environmental Waste Management, Health Psychology to Nuclear Physics, and Mathematical Modelling to Chemical Engineering.

What?

- Applicants must demonstrate various competencies including the ability to deal with complex issues and communicate their conclusions to a range of audiences.
- They show originality in problem solving and substantial autonomy in planning and implementing tasks.
- Through a commitment to continuing professional development, Chartered Scientists will continue to advance their knowledge, understanding and competence throughout their career.

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"CSci has helped to recognise the research work I had been involved with over a number of years but has also made me more aware of how my work was complementary to the science ethos." Don Lack  CSci through the Energy Institute
Member organisations of the Science Council licensed to award CSci encompass the full spectrum of science disciplines, from Life Sciences, Psychology, Geology to Chemical and Physical Sciences all the way through to Mathematics and Computer Science.

While the benchmark standard for Chartered Scientist is set at or above the level of other chartered awards, CSci also recognises the increasing interdependence of the various disciplines, providing parity of esteem to competent professional scientists in whatever field they may be practising.

Becoming a Chartered Scientist represents a commitment to the whole of science, and provides opportunities to build cross-disciplinary networks with other highly competent scientists.

“A feature that sets CSci apart from similar chartered awards is mandatory five year revalidation, which demonstrates that individuals continue to practice at the same high level of competence required to obtain CSci, and gives assurance to the wider public and employers that CSci is a mark of current competence.

Revalidation is dependent upon evidence that individuals are committed to the development of their specific professions. It is not an onerous requirement and ensures that Chartered Scientists are at the forefront of science or its applications.

“I already held Chartered awards for Chemistry and Physics, as well as being a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, but I feel that CSci best represents the breadth of disciplines that my current work spans.”

Professor Pankaj Vadgama
CSci through the Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining

“Being a Chartered Scientist means that I have a respected professional status. It also means that I have a responsibility to continue to ‘raise the bar’ and to ensure that I am at the cutting edge of my profession.”

Nira Chamberlain
CSci through the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications
CSci Engaging Public Confidence

An overarching designation which encompasses all scientific disciplines will give assurances to the public of the competence and integrity of scientists. It will also contribute to raising the standing of scientists and enhancing the status of science.

CSci – through an ongoing commitment to high levels of professionalism and a stringent Code of Conduct – provides legal credibility, public trust and professional standing with government and regulatory authorities.

“The credibility of science within the food industry will be enhanced as CSci is accepted as a standard accreditation. This will provide reassurance to the public, particularly in light of food safety scaremongering.”

Ruma Tamuli
CSci through the Institute of Food Science and Technology

“To me, the CSci qualification provides a common framework for practitioners regardless of their specialist subject and a common level of achievement across many disciplines.”

Bob Sargent
CSci through the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management