

## Degree Recognition

Degree Recognition is a new scheme from the Society of Biology designed to support degrees that have significant biology-based content. A Degree Programme recognised by the Society of Biology will automatically fulfill the educational requirements for Associate Membership (AMSB) of the Society. Graduates will be able to join the Society as Associate Members and, after suitable work experience, become full Members (MSB).

### ***Terms and Conditions***

#### **1) Degree Programmes eligible for recognition must include the following features:**

- will be classified as an Honours Degree
- will comprise at least 50% biology content with a clear use of the application of biological principles including a balance of contemporary and traditional science of which at least half of this content will be in years after year 1 (year 2 in Scotland and Ireland)
- they will include a project or dissertation in biology
- they will offer experience of experimental work or data handling in biology.

#### **2) Applicants must provide:**

- a copy of the Syllabus with accompanying Module Descriptions for all Modules listed on the Degree Programme
- the Student Handbook relating to the Degree Programme
- the most recent set of Exam Papers and model answers for modules listed on the Degree Programme
- External Examiner Reports for the past 2 years
- Payment to the Society of Biology (cheque or card payments accepted).

#### **3) Once a Recognition Application has been accepted:**

- the Degree Programme will be recognised by the Society of Biology for 2 years from the date stated on the Confirmation Letter and Certificate
- if any notable changes to the Course occur within these 2 years, the Society of Biology should be notified immediately
- after 2 years the Course Organiser should resubmit details of the Degree Programme (as in point 2) so that the Course can be recognised for a further 2 years. A minimum fee of £100 will apply upon renewal. A reminder will be sent when this date approaches.

#### **4) Successfully recognised Degree Programmes will be entitled to:**

- receive a Certificate of Recognition to display in the appropriate University Department
- offer students two years' Associate Membership of the Society of Biology at half price upon graduation from a recognised Degree Programme (if paid by direct debit).
- promote this offer in marketing materials relating to a *recognised* Degree Programme
- use of the Society of Biology's name and logo on all course materials relating to a *recognised* degree programme
- use of the Society of Biology's name and logo on the University's bioscience website pages relating to a *recognised* degree programme
- use of the Society of Biology's name and logo on the University's entry on the UCAS website relating to a *recognised* Degree Programme
- use of the Society of Biology's name and logo on other marketing materials relating to a *recognised* Degree Programme, following permission from the Society of Biology.

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