

Royal Academy of Engineering Technician Commitment Statement

As the UK's National Academy for Engineering and Technology, we are proud to support the [Technician Commitment](#). Technicians are an integral part of the engineering community. The Commitment aims to ensure visibility, recognition, career development and sustainability for technicians working in higher education and research. We are an advocate of these values, and as a supporter we are reflecting on where our activities align with them - these include:

- **Visibility:**
 - Technicians feature as ambassadors of [This is Engineering](#), a campaign to bring engineering to life for young people, and give more people the opportunity to pursue a career that is rewarding, future-shaping, varied, well-paid and in-demand.
 - For all relevant policy work, technicians, their needs and training are considered and included.
- **Recognition:**
 - Engineers who have followed technical career pathways are celebrated among the Fellows of the Academy.
 - Technicians are eligible for Academy Prizes and encouraged to contribute to our work through our committees and working groups.
- **Career Development:**
 - We are working towards one of our inclusive economy/talent and diversity goals within the Academy strategy 2020-2025 - to stimulate modernisation of the UK approach to professional development and lifelong learning for engineers and technicians.
- **Sustainability:**
 - Our education and skills policy work includes a focus on the importance and sustainability of technical skills across the UK, primarily in the post-16 space. Recent work includes: Supporting the introduction of the new Engineering T Level in 2022; [Reimagining practical learning in secondary schools: A review of the evidence \(2021\)](#), [Evaluation of University Technical Colleges: final report \(2019\)](#), and [Engineering Skills for the Future \(2019\)](#).

We look forward to working with other supporters and signatories of this initiative, and our existing partners, to further enact the Commitment's values.