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**Researcher
Development
Framework**

Draft Technicians lens on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework

Lens development

In conjunction with the University of Edinburgh and the Science Council, Vitae recently brought together a selection of interested stakeholders to identify the descriptors of the RDF that are most relevant to Technicians in order to draft a lens on the RDF for use by Technicians when planning their development.

We now need to further validate the descriptors identified through wider consultation and request your review of the draft lens followed by completing this survey ([link](#)).

Background to RDF Lenses can be found here

Lenses on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF) focus on knowledge, behaviours and attributes that are developed or acquired through, or used in, the broader contexts of being a researcher. Looking at professional development through a lens can help researchers strengthen their academic profile or prepare for transition into a new area of work.

For more information about other lenses and how researchers and researcher developers can use lenses to aid professional development, go to: www.vitae.ac.uk/rdfenses



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Overview

The Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF) underpins a major new approach to developing world-class researchers. The framework has been developed by and for researchers working in higher education as an aid to planning, promoting and enhancing professional and career development. It articulates the knowledge, behaviours and attributes of successful researchers and encourages all researchers to realise their potential. This is one of a series of lenses on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework.

For further information about the Vitae Researcher Development Framework visit www.vitae.ac.uk/rdf Supporting materials relating to this lens are available at www.vitae.ac.uk/rdfenses

Purpose of a lens

Purpose of a lens Using the Vitae Researcher Development Framework, the Technicians lens provides an overview of the key knowledge, behaviours and attributes typically used in the activities carried out by technicians.

Context

Vitae has been working closely with the Science Council on the development of the Technicians Commitment.

The Commitment aims to ensure visibility, recognition, career development and sustainability for technicians working in higher education and research across all disciplines.

To date over 80 organisations have become signatories.

For more information on the commitment go to: www.technicians.org.uk/technician-commitment

We are keen to support the Vitae community to encourage technicians to think about their career and professional development using the RDF to help them engage in their professional development and training.

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Technicians lens

