Our Employer Champion status promotes and recognises a certain professional standard

SUEZ has an internal platform called talent’up focused on supporting staff to get the best out of opportunities within the business, to help realise their potential to everyone’s mutual benefit. It was a natural step to become an Employer Champion because the Science Council provides a great platform, process and framework that enables colleagues wanting to go through the professional registration process. It also helps those looking to link into trusted professional networks, particularly outside the company.

Staff from across the business have participated in the professional registration programme

We’re a science-based multinational with approximately 90,000 staff. When we internally told our global colleagues that we had become a Science Council Employer Champion there was a lot of interest in joining the programme.

We have three laboratories in England, and a technical services team that supports customers at their site. We’ve organised our activities so that staff are able to come together physically at our laboratories. Each event is an opportunity to network, share a lot of new insights, and gain experience in a different environment.

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The Employer Champion Programme

The Employer Champion Award is given to those employers who show commitment and dedication to enable staff to grow their career and showcase their skills and competence through professional registration.

Professional registration with the Science Council provides independent recognition for the skills and competence being maintained by scientists and science technicians. It also demonstrates a commitment to integrity, regard for public interest and a responsibility for others.

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Science underpins much of our clients’ work too

SUEZ has a portfolio of customers that operate in a technical, scientific domain. For example, one group works in an industry that monitors water hygiene in buildings. A lot of science underpins how you manage and monitor bacteria in water.

Another group focuses on environmental quality, such as soil. There’s a process that is overseen by a number of stakeholders that ensures contaminated land is cleaned up before being redeveloped. It’s a heavily scientific process and SUEZ is part of that supply chain.

We’re responsible for three environmental and water laboratories in the UK, employing about 230 staff. Our scientific analysis is used to underpin the clean up of polluted land or water hygiene in buildings. Professional registration allows us to demonstrate the high level of skills and competencies that enable our staff to consistently deliver excellent work.

Our stakeholders show real confidence in SUEZ

Our Employer Champion status gives our customers real confidence in our work. It demonstrates that we have a cadre of analysts and technicians operating at a certain standard, and who sit within the framework of a trusted independent body that aligns with highly respected licensing bodies, such as the Royal Society of Chemistry.

“Science underpins a lot of our clients’ work. Collaborating with the Science Council gives confidence to them too.”

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