## **Recognising Academic Excellence: Degree Accreditation**

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How do we make sure that our degree meets the needs of our students? The "gold-standard" here is to seek to get the degree accredited by a relevant and highly esteemed professional body. We have every confidence that our Medical Biology degree is of a very high quality, which is why we chose to approach the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) for accreditation of our programme.

After a very successful visit from the RSB, we were delighted to successfully achieve accreditation of the Medical Biology programme. The RBS were very complimentary about our programme, in particular the following areas:

- The links made between the different aspects of healthcare and disease prevention
- All students who wish to do a laboratory project may do so
- The link made between the curriculum and the voluntary "University of Bolton professional skills" certificate
- The extent of formative learning and assessment in the programme
- The broad access to experimental techniques and equipment spanning different disciplines

This confirms that students can rest assured that they will receive a great experience whilst studying the Medical Biology programme at the University of Bolton!

