



Animal Science Accreditation - An Update from the Animal Science Council on Accreditation March 2022

Your Council on Accreditation has been busy since it was formalized and officially began its work following the ASAS National Meeting in 2021. The topic of Accreditation of Animal Science Programs has been discussed for a long time within the ASAS community and the Council is happy to see implementation of the Accreditation Process is in the launch phase. We recognize that there will be challenges and unanticipated questions that need to be answered during the initial launch of this program but are excited to open the application process this year. The Council recognizes that institutions require time to prepare for submitting an application and or implement required elements of the Standards. The number of applicants to proceed through the process will be limited in number initially to make sure the process is working both for the applicants and the Council. Now is a good time to prepare and let the Council know if you intend to submit an application this year or next.

There are a number of new documents on this site that we encourage all who are interested in this program to review. These are thought to be especially useful if you and your institution are wondering if accreditation may be right for your program, or are wondering what is involved in the application for accreditation.

The membership of your Animal Science Council on Accreditation is listed among the online resources. Terms on the Council are 3 years in length and renewable for an additional term. There will be at least one opening for a new member beginning at the 2022 ASAS National Meeting for an academic representative. Please review and submit the application form if you are interested. The applications are reviewed by the Council members and appointments to the Council are made by the ASAS Board of Directors. Additional information on responsibilities of the Council and its representation are found in the document: Animal Science Council on Accreditation. This document contains the link to download the volunteer application form for Council membership.

The Council has also planned 2 information sessions for persons interested in Accreditation and the process to become accredited. This includes a Q & A Webinar and a Workshop on Applying for Accreditation.

- Q & A Webinar on Accreditation, March 23, 2022. Time: Noon Central. Registration is required and there is no cost for ASAS members.
 - Members of the Council will be on deck to address your questions on Accreditation of Animal Science Programs. With the Council prepared to accept the first applicants to the program, they invite your participation and attendance at this event. Get your questions answered, learn about the online resources and receive insight to prepare for the application process.
- Workshop on ASAS Application Process, ASAS National Meeting, Date, Time – TBD
 - This workshop will provide discussion and examples of how to meet the application requirements when submitting the application. Plan now to attend and see if this might be an asset to your BS degree program.