



SWST - International Society of Wood Science and Technology

Accreditation Program

for bachelor's-level professional degrees in **renewable materials**



SWST recognizes global institutions meeting high quality requirements of bachelor's-level professional degrees.

Eligible bachelors are focused on **renewable materials (RM)** and include Wood Science, Bio-based Materials, Sustainable Products etc.

Accredited institutions are more appealing and gain in international perspective: twelve Schools are already accredited worldwide.

Topic areas and basic knowledge



General education and basics of biology, physical, mechanical and chemical properties of **RM**



Harvesting, processing and manufacturing of **RM**



RM science and engineering



Environmental impacts and sustainability of **RM**



Business and entrepreneurship



Sustainable building materials



Growth and management of **RM**



Bioenergy and bioconversion



Pulp, paper and packaging sciences

Accreditation Handbook

SECTION 1 Accreditation standards: program mission, curriculum and student competencies etc.

SECTION 2 Accreditation procedures: eligibility, application, process, visits, time lines etc.

SECTION 3 Guidelines: for presenting self-evaluation information and annual reports.

APPENDIX Required documents: to be filled for the accreditation and the annual report.

Accreditation Process

Check eligibility and name a Program Head.

Submit a self-evaluation report according to the Accreditation Handbook.

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Apply choosing stand-alone or joined on-site visit.

Review-approval by the SWST Committee on Accreditation.

Payment of travel expenses of Visiting Team.

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On-site review visit during the academic year.

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Publish the final accreditation.

Submit an annual self-evaluation.



Time Lines



Accreditation bases on a calendar year: apply by June.



On-site visit lasts at least 2.5 days during the academic year.



Accreditation is normally granted for 10 calendar years.

Get the Accreditation Handbook and become a Program Head!

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