

**Name:**

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**Job Role:**

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**What led you to apply for BASES Accreditation?**

I undertook BASES Accreditation via the Interdisciplinary Pedagogy route. At that time, I was an 'Academic Team Lead' this meant that I line managed the Sport and Exercise Science academics within the school and was responsible for the operation and development of the Sport and Exercise Science subject.

**How has having BASES Accreditation helped you?**

I applied for BASES accreditation following over 15 years of experience working in the Higher Education sector. BASES accreditation had always been something I wanted to do but other things always seemed to beat it in the to do list. On reflection this is a real shame as when it came down to it, it was not as big a task as I had envisaged. I had already been through the process of applying to become a Senior Fellow of the HEA and found a lot of the requirements to be similar. The actual process of putting together the application was helpful for my personal development as it gave me space and opportunity to reflect on my career. This process also enabled me to identify areas for future development as well as feel recognition for all I had achieved.

**Why would you recommend BASES Accreditation to other Sport and Exercise Scientists?**

I would recommend anyone working in HE on Sport and Exercise Science courses to apply for BASES pedagogy accreditation. Even if not successful first time the process itself will help you reflect and action plan for development. I would advise potential applicants to make good use of the pedagogy specific accreditation support resources available as I found these extremely useful, also reach out to other accredited individuals for support. I contacted a member of the BASES pedagogy accreditation panel and asked them some questions regarding my submission, and they were extremely helpful. Remember you don't have to do it alone!

