



Professor Ian O'Connor AC, Vice Chancellor and President, Griffith University

Professor Ian O'Connor was appointed Vice Chancellor and President of Griffith University in January 2005, taking the helm of one of Australia's largest and most innovative tertiary institutions. Now home to more than 50,000 students from more than 130 countries, the University is one of the Asia-Pacific region's most influential universities with research strengths in areas that address the key issues of our time.

Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor, Professor O'Connor joined Griffith University as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) in 2002.

Following completion of degrees of Bachelor of Social Work and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Queensland, he held various academic appointments there including Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Policy and President of the Academic Board.

Professor O'Connor is published in the field of juvenile justice, child welfare and the future directions of social work and the human services.

Professor O'Connor has served as a consultant to, or as a member of, various Government and non-Government bodies. He served as Chair of the Advancing Quality in Higher Education Reference Group and as Chair of the Queensland Minister for Education's taskforce on bullying and violence in schools, the Queensland Schools Alliance Against Violence.

Professor O'Connor is a board member of Open Universities Australia, Trade and Investment Queensland, the Foundation for Australian Studies in China, and the Foundation for Australia-Japan Studies. He is chair of the Higher Education Standards Panel and of the Queensland Art Gallery Board of Trustees, and is a member of the Legacy Advisory Committee for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.