Professor David Wilkinson

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement) plays a crucial role in the Executive leadership team, and is responsible for the University’s brand and reputation, media and communications, domestic undergraduate recruitment, alumni relations and philanthropy, and the University’s engagement with corporate partners. Before joining Macquarie University in 2013, David was the head of Australia’s largest Medical School at The University of Queensland (UQ). He is an internationally respected and highly regarded medical practitioner, researcher, teacher and administrator.

David trained medicine in the UK, then worked in rural Africa where he established a major rural health research enterprise funded by international agencies including the World Health Organisation.

In the late 1990s, David moved to Australia to take up the role as the Foundation Chair in Rural Health at the Universities of Adelaide and South Australia. He became Pro Vice-Chancellor/Vice President for Health Sciences at the University of South Australia in 2002.

David continues to practice medicine and his scholarly work focuses on assessment of student learning outcomes. He has won various grants and awards in his academic career, the latest being the Fulbright Senior Scholarship for 2013-2014 from the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.