

Hon Doc and Emeritus Professor citation for Professor David Lloyd

Chancellor:

The University of South Australia confers the honorary degree of Doctor of the University to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service, or a field of academic endeavour or artistic pursuit.

In addition, the University confers the honorary title of Emeritus Professor upon retiring academic staff holding the title of Professor, and to outgoing Vice Chancellors, who have given distinguished service to this institution.

It is my pleasure to present Professor David Lloyd for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University in recognition of his distinguished service to the community and for the title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of his service to this institution.

David Lloyd graduated from Dublin City University with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Chemistry, followed by a PhD in Medicinal Organic Chemistry. He subsequently held senior leadership roles at Trinity College Dublin, including serving as Vice President for Research, and was the inaugural Chair of the Irish Research Council.

Professor Lloyd has led and contributed to more than 65 research publications, collaborating with scholars around the world to advance knowledge in both academia and industry. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the chemical sciences, he was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

In 2013, he relocated to Australia to commence as the Vice Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia; aged 38 at the time, he remains the youngest person to be appointed as a Vice Chancellor in Australia.

Professor Lloyd positioned UniSA as Australia's university of enterprise, reshaping the institution's activities to better meet the challenges of today's learners. He has also worked to create stronger links between the University, local industry and the wider community, exemplified through UniSA's recognition as the #1 young university in Australia for industry collaborations. Under his leadership, the Enterprise Hub was introduced to create collaborative environments for researchers, industry partners and other stakeholders.

At UniSA, Professor Lloyd led the delivery of major initiatives such as the innovative world-first Unijam and the launch of UniSA Online, and has overseen major partnerships such as the joint college with An'De College in China, the establishment of the University's commercialisation arm, UniSA Ventures, and the University's museum of discovery, MOD.

Professor Lloyd has long advocated for increased access to education for disadvantaged and underrepresented groups. Through his leadership, UniSA has been recognised as the State's leading university for students from non-English speaking backgrounds, with disabilities, and low socio-economic status, with over 36,000 students from these groups in recent rankings. It's also been acknowledged for having the largest cohort of regional, Aboriginal, and female students completing studies in non-traditional areas.

In collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples and Elders, he championed the development of UniSA's first Reconciliation Action Plan, and later two successive Stretch Reconciliation Action

Plans, with the goal of continuing the creation and cultivation of reciprocity and respect to ensure UniSA remained a university of choice for Aboriginal Peoples.

Professor Lloyd has overseen and championed major infrastructure projects, including the development of UniSA's Bradley Building – an integral part of Adelaide's West End health and biomedical precinct.

Alongside his role at UniSA, Professor Lloyd has served on boards and committees that advance higher education and the state of South Australia: he has chaired Universities Australia, the peak body representing the national higher education sector, as well as the Committee for Adelaide, the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre Council, and the Australian Technology Network of Universities.

He holds an honorary Professorship from Tianjin University, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering.

Professor Lloyd co-led the establishment of the first new university in Australia in a generation, Adelaide University, becoming inaugural co-Vice Chancellor, ahead of the university's launch this year.

The principles that have defined Professor Lloyd's leadership at UniSA and throughout his career – his commitment to academic excellence, innovation and collaboration, social justice, inclusivity and accessibility – will endure, and continue to shape the future of Adelaide University and the Australian higher education landscape.

I am pleased to present Professor David Lloyd for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University. On behalf of the University of South Australia, I am also pleased to present Professor Lloyd to you for the honorary title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of his distinguished service to the University of South Australia.