



Abridged Biography | Prof Chris Brink



Professor Chris Brink served as Vice-Chancellor (President) of Newcastle University in the UK 2007-16, as Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University in South Africa 2002-07, and as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) of the University of Wollongong in Australia from 1999-2001. Currently he serves on the University Grants Committee in Hong Kong, where he chairs the implementation of the sector-wide 2020 Research Assessment Exercise.

Chris Brink is known as a champion of the idea of a civic university. He is the author of *The Soul of a University: Why excellence is not enough* (Bristol University Press, 2018). During his tenure as Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University twice won the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Award, as well as the Athena SWAN Silver Award for the advancement of gender equality. Newcastle upon Tyne awarded him the Freedom of the City. As a mathematician Professor Brink held the prestigious A-rating of the National Research Foundation, which ranked him as one of South Africa's leading scientists. He is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg and a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa.
