

Biography for HARDING, Professor Sandra

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Professor Sandra Harding took up her appointment as Vice-Chancellor and President of James Cook University Australia in January 2007. In this role, she is responsible for ensuring clear and effective leadership and management of the University across all operating sites, including campuses in Townsville, Cairns and Singapore.

Professor Harding has extensive academic and academic leadership experience. An economic sociologist by training, her areas of enduring academic interest include work, organisation and markets and how they work. She also has a keen interest in public policy, particularly education policy and other policy domains affecting higher education.

Professor Harding has undertaken a wide variety of external roles within the business community and the higher education sector. Her current roles include: Chair of Universities Australia; Director of Regional Australia Institute; Council Member of the Australian Institute of Marine Science; Director of North Queensland Cowboys NRL club; Member of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) Advisory Board; the Australian Research Council (ARC) Advisory Council; Director of Townsville Enterprise and of Advance Cairns (regional economic development bodies).

