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David Beanland is the Emeritus Professor at RMIT University, Melbourne.

David's career has included design of Engineering degree courses, as well as the development of international education and outcome related research projects and innovation.

David worked at RMIT for 32 years, with the last 11 years being the Chief Executive Officer. Other positions he held included Head of the Department of Communication and Electronic Engineering; Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Deputy Director of Higher Education as well as Director and Vice-Chancellor.

He was responsible to the RMIT Council for an annual budget approaching \$500m. David served as a Member of all Council Committees including the Finance and Audit Committees. He retired in October 2000.

David's specialist teaching areas were in the rapidly changing field of electronic engineering and microelectronics. The utilisation of ion implantation for the fabrication of microelectronic circuits was his research area, which was initially pursued at Harwell Atomic Energy Research Laboratories. This led to the development of a major research centre in microelectronics technology at RMIT.

Post-retirement, David was the inaugural Chair of AUQA and a Director of the RMIT International University in Vietnam, after being instrumental in its creation when Vice-Chancellor of RMIT.

He has had a significant role in the development of information and communication and computing technologies in Australian Universities as the Chair of AARNet and the Chair of APAC and until recently was a member of the Commonwealth Governments National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Committee (NCRIS) which had special responsibility for Systemic Infrastructure.

David recently co-authored "Engineering Education: Transformation and Innovation" at the request of UNESCO.