

Biography

Bruce McPheron Executive Vice President and Provost

As executive vice president and provost, Dr. Bruce A. McPheron is The Ohio State University's chief academic officer. In this role, he is responsible for the administration and strategic planning, development and review processes for the university's academic mission.

Dr. McPheron's leadership more specifically includes oversight of 15 colleges, six campuses and more than 7,000 tenure-, clinical-, research-track and associated faculty. In addition, he oversees academic programs for 66,046 undergraduate, graduate and professional students, more than 200 majors and almost 13,000 courses, along with the support of a library system with 5.8 volumes in its collection and electronic access to 48 million books and journals.

A professor of entomology, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses, including courses in international agriculture. His research has focused on the use of genetic tools to examine population structure in pest insects of global quarantine significance and resulted in extensive field-work on multiple continents. His work is widely published in peer-reviewed publications and, among his many national recognitions and honors, he is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. As an academic leader he has been instrumental in connecting faculty and other researchers in innovative collaborations across disciplines.

At Ohio State, he is the convener and chair of the Council of Deans and the Senior Management Council, two university councils that lead and work with both academic and academic-support units to align strategies with resources. His extensive national academic leadership service currently includes the Big Ten Academic Alliance Provosts' Council and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) Council on Academic Affairs' executive committee. In addition, his community engagement includes the Experience Columbus, the Columbus Council on World Affairs, and the Feeding America Boards of Directors.

Prior to joining Ohio State's faculty in 2012 as the vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, he previously served as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. McPheron earned his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Illinois.