

Professor Peter Kanowski

Curriculum Vitae – Précis

Peter Kanowski is Master of University House, Director of HDR Supervision, and Professor of Forestry at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. In the first role, he leads a unique university institution serving each of the university generally, graduate residents and students, and the wider community. In the second role, he leads the university-wide program to strengthen the quality of research student supervision. In the third, he teaches, conducts research and engages with diverse communities of interest internationally, nationally and locally, on a wide range of contemporary forest and environment issues. Across these roles, Peter has a strong presence within and for ANU. In recognition of this, he received a Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the University in 2022, and Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Community Outreach (2011) and Excellence in Supervision (2016). Peter also serves the wider academic community as Australian National Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarships.

Career brief

Peter Kanowski was a Schlich Medallist at the Australian National University, where he completed an Honours degree in forestry, and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he completed a doctorate in forest genetics. He worked in forest management and research in Australia for 3 years, and was a University Lecturer at Oxford University's Forestry Institute for 7 years, where he was also the first Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Plant Sciences. Peter was appointed Chair of Forestry at ANU in 1995, and was Head of the Department of Forestry 1996-2001; foundation Head of the School of Resources Environment & Society 2001-2008; Deputy Director of the Fenner School of Environment & Society 2007-2008; co-led ANU's campus-wide Environment Institute 2004-2008; and led collaborative national forestry education programs 2005-12. Peter took leave from ANU to join the Center for International Forestry Research as Deputy Director General 2012-14. He returned to ANU as Master of University House and to resume his role as Professor of Forestry in 2014, conducting research, teaching and engagement in a wide range of forest-related topics. From 2015 – 2018, he was a Tuckwell Fellow, and in 2018 was appointed inaugural Director of HDR Supervision, to develop and implement the ANU HDR Supervision Development Framework.

Overview of professional activities

In his University House role, Peter is responsible for leadership, strategic direction and oversight of a unique institution globally. University House was established in the Oxbridge college model to serve the ANU community of staff and students; visitors to the university; resident graduate students; and both members and a wider community, in Canberra and beyond. As Deputy Dean (HDR Supervision), Peter has lead responsibility for developing and implementation of the ANU-wide program for strengthening research student supervision. As a Tuckwell Fellow 2015-2018, he had primary responsibility for a cohort of ANU Tuckwell Scholars and co-responsibility for development of the Scholars House program. In related work, Peter has served on numerous scholarship and awards committees, and has been Australian National Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarships since 2020.

In his role as Chair of Forestry, Peter has focused, firstly, on academic leadership and management within the environment, forests and sustainability domains. Amongst measures of success under his School leadership were ANU's high ranking globally in those domains. He developed and led national and international initiatives in forestry education, and ANU's interdisciplinary sustainability and environment degree. He manages multiple large research grants, publishes and communicates widely in the academic literature and elsewhere, supervises a large cohort of research students, and teaches highly-rated graduate and undergraduate courses. He also co-convenes a graduate course at the University of Freiburg, and another with the University of Tasmania.

In parallel in his Chair's role, Peter works internationally, nationally and locally, on constructive policy and community engagement in often highly-contested environment and forests arenas. Amongst these have been various Steering Committee and associated roles for The Forests Dialogue, an international multi-stakeholder forum. In his Indonesia-based position at the Center for International Forestry Research, on leave from ANU, Peter played a senior executive role in the Center's global programs, strategic development and partner relations; he has subsequently led ANU's engagement with the Australia-Indonesia Centre. Nationally, he was a member of the 2011 Australia State of Environment Committee, and of the 2003-04 National Bushfire Inquiry Panel. More locally, Peter chaired Panels for the NSW Natural Resource Commission's forest assessments in 2009-10, and lengthy community engagement processes under the Southern and Western NSW regional forest agreements 1997-2002. He was a member of the Competition Jury and Boards of the National Arboretum Canberra.

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1. SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENTS and ASSOCIATED ROLES

At the Australian National University

- *Master*, University House (05.14 – present)
- *Director, HDR Supervision* (07.18- present)
- *Fellow*, Tuckwell Scholarship Program (01.15 – 06.18)
- *Deputy Director*, Fenner School of Environment & Society (3.07–12.08)
- *Head*, School of Resources Environment & Society (7.01–12.08)
- *Head*, Department of Forestry (1.96–06.01)
- *Professor of Forestry* (08.95–present; on leave 04.12–05.14)

Associated roles

- *ANU Coordinator*, Australia-Indonesia Centre (2015 – 2019)
- *Co-Leader*, Australian National Forestry Masters Program (2007–12)
- *Chair, Education Committee*, Australian CRC for Forestry (2005–12)
- *Co-Convenor* (2004–06) & *Deputy Director* (2006–08), ANU Institute for Environment
- *Chair*, International Partnership for Forestry Education (2003–06)

At the Center for International Forestry Research

- *Deputy Director General* (04.12 – 05.14)

At the University of Oxford

- *University Lecturer*, Oxford Forestry Institute, & *Fellow of Wolfson College* (01.89–07.95)

Associated roles

- *Convenor*, MSc in Forestry (1989–94)
- *Director of Graduate Studies*, Department of Plant Sciences (1989–94)

In the Queensland Department of Forestry

- *Research Forester* (1.87–12.88)
- *Forester* (3.82–9.83)

2. PRINCIPAL EXTERNAL ROLES

International

- Member, Steering Committee, The Forests Dialogue (2006–12), & Co-Chair, Dialogues on Intensively Managed Planted Forests (2005-8), GM Trees (2011–12) and Tree Plantations in the Landscape (2015-)
- Chair, International Partnership for Forestry Education (2003–06)

National

- Member, Australia's State of Environment 2011 Committee (2009–11)
- Panellist, Council of Australian Governments' National Inquiry into Bushfire Mitigation and Management (2003–4)

State

- Lead, Technical Panel, NSW Natural Resources Commission Forest Scenarios Project (2021-22)
- Chair, Technical Panel, NSW Natural Resources Commission Forest Assessments (2009–10)
- Member, Canberra Arboretum Board (2005–12) & Chair, Technical Panel (2006–12)
- Member, ACT Bushfire Council (2005–10)
- Member, Steering Committee, ACT Bushfire Recovery Taskforce Non-Urban Study (2003–04)
- Co-facilitator, Community Stakeholder Process, NSW Western Region Forest Assessment (2001–02)
- Chair, Regional Forest Forum, NSW Southern Regional Forest Assessment (1997–2000)

3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-RELATED ROLES

- National Secretary, Rhodes Scholarships Australia (2020 – present)
- Deputy National Secretary, Rhodes Scholarships Australia (2019)
- Member, Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee (2018 – present); Chair 2024

4. ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Chancellor’s Award for Distinguished Contribution to the University, Australian National University (2022)
- Honorary Doctorate in Natural Sciences, University of Freiburg (2019)
- Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Supervision, Australian National University (2016)
- Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Community Outreach, Australian National University (2011)
- Rhodes Scholar, Australia-at-Large and St John’s (1983)
- Schlich Medal, Department of Forestry, Australian National University (1981)

5. TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS

- DPhil, St John’s College, University of Oxford (1986)
- BSc (Forestry) with 1st-class Honours, Australian National University (1981)

6. RESEARCH, EDUCATION and ENGAGEMENT

Research

My research focuses on important elements of forest and environment policy and governance, globally and nationally; on smallholder livelihood and decision systems, primarily in Australia and Asia-Pacific; on Indigenous peoples and forests, and on forestry, environment and sustainability education. My publications are listed at <https://researchportalplus.anu.edu.au/en/persons/peter-kanowski>, and include a number of ‘most cited’ papers. This research has been supported by c AUD\$7.5M in external grants since 2000.

Education

I have played educational leadership roles since my first academic appointment at Oxford University in 1989; these have progressively expanded in scope. Those at Oxford related to graduate coursework and research within my Department. As Head of Department and School at ANU, I had strategic and management responsibility for all educational programs in the Department or School I led, from 1996-2008. These programs and courses were highly rated by students, and disproportionately represented in university and national teaching awards. As ANU Deputy Dean Higher Degree Research since mid-2018, I have been responsible for development, implementation and delivery of the ANU HDR Supervision Development Framework to all ANU HDR supervisors.

Teaching

Internationally and nationally, I assumed leadership of the first phase of the International Partnership for Forestry Education, chaired the CRC for Forestry’s Education Program, and initiated and led the development of the Australian National Forestry Masters Program and associated international activities. I secured c. AUD\$2M in external funding from government, industry and private donors to support these educational initiatives. I have convened each of undergraduate, graduate and /or professional courses in each year of my academic career; I currently teach at ANU and Freiburg University. Evaluations of my teaching are consistently outstanding.

Supervision

I have supervised c. 60 HDR students, 25 Masters research and 13 Honours students; 70% were international students. I was awarded an ANU Vice Chancellor’s Award for Supervision in 2016. I drew from this and earlier Oxford experience in development and delivery of the ANU HDR Supervision Development Framework.

Engagement

The Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Community Engagement that I received in 2011 reflected my commitment to and success in engaging with diverse communities of interest in forests locally, nationally and internationally. That ongoing work has been complemented by other forms of engagement in my role as Master of University House.

7. ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

I have held academic and professional leadership roles since my first appointment in Oxford, at progressively more senior levels. At University House, I am also responsible for management of a trading enterprise with an annual turnover of \$12M; as Deputy Director General at CIFOR, I was co-responsible for a global institution with an annual budget of US\$35M. I have continuously held leadership roles in the Australian forestry profession.

8. PERSONAL and CONTACT DETAILS

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