

Dr Jessica Gallagher Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement) University of Adelaide



Dr Jessica Gallagher is the University of Adelaide's inaugural Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement), and has held this position since November 2021. In this role, Jessica oversees a diverse engagement portfolio, with a focus on contributing to the growth and sustainability of the University through leadership of strategic partnerships, recruitment, community outreach and internationalisation initiatives. She is responsible for leading the strategy and delivery of the University's key services in domestic and international student recruitment, global engagement, alumni relations and philanthropy, and industry and government relations.

Jessica has significant senior management experience, previously serving as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship) at The University of Queensland. She has managed teams across multiple countries to establish and execute innovative global strategies that have fostered high performing partnerships. With extensive experience in business development and strategic partner engagement initiatives, Jessica is highly regarded for her global outlook and community mindset, working to better serve the University and its stakeholders through diverse engagement initiatives across private, public and academic sectors.

Holding a PhD in Comparative Cultural Studies from The University of Queensland, Jessica has authored papers and reports in relation to her doctoral research, as well as on approaches to strategic global partnerships, international education, and student experience.