



Megan Fisher, PhD, MBA

Megan Fisher is the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry Engagement) at La Trobe University.

Megan has over 20 years' experience in executive management and leadership positions in higher education and research-based organisations in the public and private sector, most recently as Director of Research, Innovation and Commercial Engagement at The University of Melbourne. In

this position Megan led a large team of business development, intellectual property and commercialisation professionals responsible for partnering with university stakeholders to support industry engagement and increase industry related revenue.

Megan has a PhD in Organic Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours) from the University of Sydney, as well as qualifications in business and executive management. She has held previous roles as Director of Business Development and Commercialisation within the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and as Vice President of Research and Development for an ASX and NASDAQ listed Australian biotechnology company. Megan has extensive experience in leading and advising on a broad range of commercial transactions, including establishing relationships with global venture capital, spin outs and licensing with local and global companies.

Megan's appointment as PVC (IE) comes at a critical time for La Trobe as we intensify our efforts to develop the Research and Innovation Precinct as part of our vision to be a University City of the Future. Megan sees industry engagement and commercialisation as pathways connecting academics and institutions to the communities and sectors where they can have most impact. Her connections to government agencies, local and international organisations and her understanding of the nexus between the higher education, community and commercial sectors will be invaluable in leading and improving La Trobe's Industry Engagement activities.