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## World-class academic appointed to deliver University of Tasmania's global goals

The University of Tasmania's vision for global engagement and ambitious plans to grow international education has attracted an academic leader of global standing.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen today announced the appointment of Professor Monique Skidmore as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global, taking responsibility for a portfolio of crucial importance for both the institution and the State.

Professor Skidmore, an internationally renowned expert on Burma, who has authored and edited several books, brings considerable academic and senior leadership experience to the role.

Since 2014, she has been Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (International) at The University of Queensland, with responsibility for one of Australia's largest international portfolios. Professor Skidmore was previously Pro-Vice Chancellor (International and Major Projects) at University of Canberra, adjunct Professor at the Australian National University (ANU) and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Design at University of Canberra.

"That an academic leader of Professor Skidmore's standing is attracted to the direction and promise of our global vision is itself powerful endorsement," Professor Rathjen said.

"The principle of the University being a bridge from Tasmania to the world is articulated in its strategic intent, *Open to Talent*. Past years have seen impressive gains in this respect with the University's international student numbers and standing more broadly.

"A dedicated executive for global affairs, and one of Professor Skidmore's standing, will bring about greater focus and position us strongly for the future."

Professor Skidmore has a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Anthropology from the Australian National University as well as a Master of Arts and

PhD in Medical Anthropology from McGill University in Canada. She has held academic and research positions at McGill, the University of Melbourne, University of Notre Dame (U.S.) and ANU. Her work has been recognised with numerous national and international grants, awards and honours.

“The vision and strategic intent of the University of Tasmania makes it one of the most exciting institutions in the sector right now,” Professor Skidmore said.

The University will welcome Professor Skidmore to the new role in October.

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