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UTAS academic to advise Australia on best research practice

UTAS' Professor Brian Yates has been appointed as an Executive Director of the Australian Research Council (ARC).

Prof Yates' new role will see him advising the ARC on strategic research directions in Australia.

He is currently Professor in the UTAS School of Chemistry and an Australian Teaching and Learning Council Discipline Scholar in Science.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen congratulated Prof Yates on his appointment.

"It is pleasing that Prof Yates' skills, developed over his many years of undertaking high quality academic endeavour at UTAS, will be used to great effect by the ARC in his new role," Prof Rathjen said.

"UTAS will look forward to welcoming back Prof Yates following his five year secondment with ARC."

Prof Yates said "I am very pleased to be joining the ARC in Canberra. It is very exciting to be involved in shaping the strategic direction of research and research funding in this country."

He holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours and a Diploma of Education from UTAS and a doctorate from the Australian National University.

Prof Yates loved chemistry as a student and always felt a pull towards teaching and research.

His research expertise has resulted in numerous publications and achievements.

Prof Yates has been Chair of the Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences grants panel at the ARC for the last two years, and he heads up the National Computational Infrastructure committee.

UTAS Professors Richard Coleman and Andrew Wells were also executive directors with the ARC.

Prof Coleman is now Deputy Director of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and Prof Wells is now Executive Director of the UTAS Research Division.

To organise an interview with Professor Yates, please contact UTAS Media, details below. Please note he is interstate and available by phone.

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