

Paul Harris, Executive Director



Paul commenced as Executive Director of the Innovative Research Universities network in September 2021.

Prior to this, Paul worked for over seven years in diplomatic positions in Australia's Embassies in the United States and Japan. From 2017-2021 he was the Director of the Australian National University's North American Liaison Office in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. During this time, he was also appointed an Adjunct Fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology. From 2014-2017 he was the Counsellor (Education and Science) in the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.

From 2010-2013 Paul worked at the Australian National University (ANU), creating innovative programs to support new collaboration between researchers and policy-makers. He was the Deputy Director of the Australian National Institute for Public Policy and the HC Coombs Policy Forum at ANU. He was also seconded to be Acting General Manager, Science Policy, in the Australian Government Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

Previously, Paul worked for seven years at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia's national science agency, where he was General Manager of Government and International Relations. He was the Australian representative to the OECD Global Science Forum expert panel on the role and responsibilities of scientists in policy-making.

He has also worked for Senate Committees in the Australian Parliament and in publishing and journalism, as well as serving on the selection panel for the Fulbright International Science and Technology Award.

Paul holds a Master's degree in international affairs from ANU.