

Professor Arun Sharma - Director

Professor Arun Sharma is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Commercialisation) at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

He has played a leadership role in development of Australian research capability in information and communication technology. He was co-founder of National ICT Australia Limited (NICTA) – Australia’s national centre of excellence, and was the inaugural Director of its largest research laboratory. Prior to establishing NICTA, he was the Head of the School of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of New South Wales in Sydney where he co-founded the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Smart Internet Technology.

He is a member of the Queensland Premier’s Smart State Council and a member of the Premier’s Business Roundtable. His other advisory roles have included Independent Advisory Council of the Australian Research Council (2008-2009), Interim Advisory Board of the Manufacturing Centre of the Enterprise Connect Program (2008-2009), ICT Sector Advisory Committee of the CSIRO.

His current board memberships include QMI Solutions Ltd, qutbluebox Pty Ltd, Cooperative Research Centre for Integrated Engineering Asset Management and Cooperative Research Centre for Smart Services. His past board memberships include Sugar Research Limited, Farmacule Bioindustries Pty Ltd, Australasian CRC for Interaction Design, Creative Industries Pty Ltd, CRC for Construction Innovation and the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation.

He received a PhD in Computer Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1990, his postdoctoral training in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1990-91) and his undergraduate degree in Computer Science from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani in 1985. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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