

13 September 2016, 2:00pm
Faculty of Sciences

Chancellor, I present to you Susannah Elliott.

Susannah Elliott received her Bachelor of Science (Honours) and PhD degrees from Macquarie University followed by a Graduate Diploma in Journalism from the University of Technology Sydney.

She joined the Australian Science Media Centre as founding CEO in 2005 and has successfully grown it for over 10 years. The Centre is an independent, not for profit organisation that works with the news media to inject more evidence-based science into public discourse. In recent times Susannah has also been pivotal to the growth of the number of Science Media Centres globally. Prior to the Australian Science Media Centre, she spent more than five years in Stockholm, Sweden, as director of communications for the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, an international network of scientists studying global environmental change.

She was appointed to the national Climate Commission from February 2011 to May 2012 and chaired the Expert Working Group on Science and the Media for the Federal Government as part of the "Inspiring Australia" initiative. In recent years she has sat on several boards and panels including the Environment Institute at the University of Adelaide, the Advisory Board of the Ethics Centre of South Australia, the Advisory Committee for the ANU Climate Change Institute and the judging panels for the Banksia Environmental Awards, the CRC Early Career Awards and the SA Tall Poppy Awards.

I am very pleased and proud to present to you Chancellor, Dr Susannah Elliott, Bachelor of Science (Honours), Doctor of Philosophy, Graduate Diploma in Journalism, for admission to the honorary degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa).