

Jock Findlay citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you John Kerr Findlay.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) is being awarded to Professor Jock Findlay, AO, in acknowledgement of his exceptionally distinguished service to society in scientific achievement, leadership and training in the field of reproductive biology, in professional leadership in science and medicine, and to the University.

Born in Broken Hill in 1944, Professor Findlay is a graduate of the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with Honours (1960s) and a PhD (1970). His outstanding work saw him awarded a Doctor of Science by Monash University in 1997.

Since his early scientific training in the fields of Biochemistry and Animal Physiology, Professor Findlay has become internationally recognised for his research in reproductive biology. He has made novel contributions to understanding the regulation of the ovary and uterus, which have proven important to the field of animal and human fertility.

Jock's career began in reproduction research at the University of Melbourne in the early 1970s. After a stint as a Visiting Scientist in Animal Physiology in Cambridge, in the UK, he took up a principal research position at the Medical Research Centre, Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne. He was appointed Associate Director of that Centre in 1983.

In 1985, Jock became a Visiting Consultant in the field of human reproduction at the World Health Organization in Geneva.

The National Health and Medical Research Council has long valued Professor Findlay's research and leadership. As an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, his honorary academic titles have included Monash, Melbourne and La Trobe universities. He has held senior leadership roles at the NHMRC for many years, serving on their Management Committee, Council and as Chair of Grant Review Panels.

Professor Findlay was appointed Inaugural Chair of the Embryo Research Licensing

For a period of eight years he was also Chair of the Infertility Treatment Authority in Victoria.

Professor Findlay is currently Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University, and Distinguished Scientist with the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, in Melbourne.

He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Findlay is nationally and internationally renowned as a highly accomplished scientist and influential advocate for reproductive science, and as a leader in science and medicine.

He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed publications and reviews which have been cited almost 17,000 times, and 21 invited chapters in text books.

Since 2014, Professor Findlay has delivered exceptional service to the University of Adelaide
this role, he mentors and advises the Institute to ensure continued research excellence and impact.

