

Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Robinson

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Faculty of Health Sciences**

**Presiding: Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (Rtd),
Chancellor**

Chancellor, I present to you Jeffrey Robinson.

Jeffrey Robinson graduated with First Class Honours from the Queen's University, Belfast, in 1967, winning the Gold Medal when he passed his Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. He built an outstanding research career at the University of Oxford before accepting the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Newcastle, NSW, in 1980, before being appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Adelaide. He was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Adelaide in 1986, following the retirement of Professor Lloyd Cox and served as Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology until 2006.

During this time, he was integral in developing and promoting the University of Adelaide's outstanding international reputation for excellence in research and translation in obstetrics, gynaecology, and reproductive medicine and biology, through his recruitment and promotion of talented staff and his own research and clinical and scientific leadership.

He recruited, developed and mentored many leading clinical and basic scientists, whose research and translation of its outcomes into clinical guidelines, has contributed to the University's reputation in health and medical research and translation into improved clinical practice; these individuals have included Professor Robert Norman, Professor Caroline Crowther, Professor Gus Dekker, Professor Jodie Dodd and many others. Of note, under Professor Robinson's leadership, the University of Adelaide was awarded the largest number of competitive research grants over the 10 years leading up to 2006, for any Australian university department of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Jeffrey Robinson is an internationally renowned obstetrician, with a distinguished reputation in the reproductive medicine field for more than 45 years. He is also an outstanding clinician, providing care to women with high-risk pregnancies. He was also a superb teacher, with many of his students appointed to professional chairs or senior clinical or research positions. He also held major state based and national clinical leadership positions and led various national reviews and reports that contributed to improved health outcomes for mothers and infants.

His research has examined the control of foetal and placental growth and development, with his focus on the effects of placental and foetal