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Appointment of New Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Salford, United Kingdom

In August 2008, the University of Salford has appointed Built Environment and Construction IT expert Professor Ghassan Aouad as Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation, with a remit of promoting research at Salford through innovation and the knowledge economy.

An internationally renowned researcher in Civil Engineering and Construction, Professor Aouad was previously Dean of the Faculty of Business, Law & the Built Environment (www.fblbe.salford.ac.uk/) at Salford - one of the largest business schools in the UK with two internationally rated research institutes (the Informatics Research Institute (www.iris.salford.ac.uk/) and the Research Institute for the Built & Human Environment (www.buhu.salford.ac.uk/)).



His new role will involve driving the University's research and innovation activity following the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, increasing research income and strengthening the University's international position within research.

He said: "My focus will be on creating a culture where every member of staff has the opportunity to engage in research and innovation activities, and to ensure that postgraduate research students enjoy the best possible experience at Salford. I'd like to see research being used in a smarter way to create effective spin-out companies and knowledge transfer projects. Salford is already in the top third of UK universities for research. My aim is to help build on this and I'm very much looking forward to the challenges ahead."

Professor Aouad joined the University of Salford in 1992 and prior to becoming Dean in 2006, held the position of Director of the Research Institute for the Built & Human Environment (www.buhu.salford.ac.uk/) where he and his colleagues achieved the highest possible rating of six stars in the 2001 RAE. He has spent the last 17 years teaching and researching subjects relating to the areas of information modelling and visualisation, and process mapping, and has generated over £20m to support research related to the built and human environment.

Professor Aouad will begin his Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation role on 1 August 2008.

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