

**Dr. Thomas Hochstettler**  
**Acting Chancellor**  
**American University of Sharjah**

Dr. Thomas John Hochstettler joined the American University of Sharjah (AUS) in summer, 2009, as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and was named Provost shortly thereafter. He currently also serves as the Acting Chancellor of AUS and is a Professor of International Studies in the AUS College of Arts and Sciences.

A native Ohioan, Hochstettler has been engaged in international education throughout most of his career. A historian by training, he has held both teaching and administrative positions at Bowdoin College, Rice University, and Stanford University. Following a teaching career at Stanford, Hochstettler held a variety of administrative positions there. At Bowdoin, he served as Dean for Planning and General Administration and for a period as Vice President for Finance and Treasurer.

At Rice University, he served on the history faculty and held the position of Associate Provost. In 1999, he was sent by Rice to serve as the founding chief academic officer of International University Bremen, now Jacobs University, the first private, non-profit research university established in post-war Germany.

Since opening its doors in 2001, Jacobs has risen into the top rank of German universities in several fields, including the life sciences and social and political studies. Subsequently, Hochstettler was called to become president of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where he was instrumental in putting the institution on a firm financial basis and championed the expansion of international study opportunities for students. Under his leadership, Lewis & Clark rose in reputation and quality both nationally and internationally, particularly as a center for innovative undergraduate research and teaching in the natural and social sciences. As Provost at AUS, Dr. Hochstettler oversees all teaching and research programs at the university, as well as ancillary services such as student advising, academic computing, and the library.

During his tenure, AUS has dramatically increased its funding for faculty research, and he has been responsible for creating opportunities for student and faculty exchange with universities abroad. An amateur pianist himself, Hochstettler has expanded the program in performing arts at AUS. He has broadened the scope of liberal education for all undergraduates, even as he has led the movement to create new interdisciplinary centers and institutes at the university.

Hochstettler earned his B.A. from Earlham College in Indiana and his master's and doctoral degrees in history at the University of Michigan. He has been the recipient of a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship and of research support from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst. Hochstettler specializes in early modern German political and economic history and European military history. He also studied business at the Haas School of Business at the University of California- Berkeley.

Through his engagement in higher education administration, he has also extended his research interests to include enrollment management, higher education finance, and international

educational reform. He currently chairs the board of directors of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), the world's foremost non-profit organization engaged in expanding opportunities for international education, based in Washington, D.C. He is married to the artist Marcia Glas, and they have three grown sons, Ben, Will, and Taylor Glas-Hochstettler.