

Dr. Larry Wilson
Provost
Zayed University

Larry Wilson began his relationship with Zayed University in 1998, serving as a consultant in the first year of the university. He came to Zayed university in 2002 as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and in 2003 became the Provost and Deputy Vice President. Following five years as Provost at Zayed University, he was asked by the Minister of Education to design and direct the formation of the Madares Al Ghad project to reform the public schools in the United Arab Emirates.

Following three years in the United States, Dr. Wilson returned to lead a planning project for the University which produced a second decade plan for its Abu Dhabi campus: “Zayed University: The Great University for the Great City of Abu Dhabi.” In 2011, he returned as Provost of Zayed University.

Dr. Wilson earned his Ph.D. degree in chemistry with minors in mathematics and metallurgy from the University of Kansas in the US. He served as a faculty member, dean and provost at Ohio Wesleyan University, Academic Vice Chancellor and Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Asheville and President of Marietta College in Ohio. He serves as a consultant in higher education in the Middle East and in the United States.

Zayed University is one of three federal institutions of higher education in the UAE. Proudly bearing the name of the father of the country, the late President, His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan, the University was founded in 1998 as a primarily undergraduate university for Emirati female students. With campuses in both Abu Dhabi and Dubai, ZU currently enrolls more than 7,200 undergraduate and, through its six colleges, offers 16 master’s level degrees enrolling more than 600 students.

Male students were admitted in 2009 and selected international students were admitted in 2010. Zayed university is fully accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the United States. All six of its colleges either have or are now candidates for accreditation through the appropriate international professional associations.