



**APRU Vice - Presidents for Research Meeting  
Hosted by the University of Science and Technology of China**

Theme: **Collaborative Research For A Better Future**

**APRU Vice - Presidents for Research Meeting (VPRM)**

[The Vice - Presidents for Research Meetings](#) brings together university leadership in strategic and sustainable collaborative research. Through this platform, APRU's VPs for Research network addresses emerging and critical issues in the future of research universities, policies, funding, technological transfer and enterprise in research-intensive universities in the Pacific Rim.

**Objectives**

In the context of the fluid international relationships, the *APRU Vice-Presidents for Research Meeting* will bring together university leaders responsible for high-level research administration, innovation and technology transfer to:

- Highlight current critical issues in research administration, share best practice, and develop solutions;
- Identify areas of mutual interest and nurture international research collaborations on critical issues in the Asia-Pacific region, enabling increased international impact and leading to partnerships and new funding opportunities with international organisations, foundations, the private sector and public bodies; and
- Build long-term trust and cooperation amongst researchers and their institutions.

**Collaborative Research For A Better Future**

Themed “Collaborative Research for A Better Future” the 6th APRU Vice-Presidents for Research Meeting will be held on April 21-23, 2024, at the University of Science and Technology in China. During the two days event, the participants will have the opportunity to:

- Discuss critical issues on building capacity and research infrastructure and challenges on advancing emerging technologies research
- Learn about best case practices for fostering innovation within university and engage in discussion on how to facilitate start-up incubation and technology commercialization.
- Address the challenges facing and explore possible ways to strengthen university and industry collaboration in research.
- Share and learn about how to measure research impact in institutions.
- Discuss the possibilities of the role and strategy of APRU for international research collaborations and identify how APRU members can leverage on the network
- Develop a deeper understanding of the institutions in China and the strategic priorities and challenges of the host university.

Event website: <https://apru.org/event/vice-president-for-research-meeting-2024/>



Date: April 21- 23, 2024

Venue: 4/F, Library Building, Gaoxin Campus, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei

Schedule of Events (as of April 9 2024)

The program is subject to change.

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Day 0 Arrival and welcome	
10:00-17:00	Arrival to hotel
18:00-20:00	<p><b>Welcome Networking Reception and Informal Dinner</b>            Venue: Jiayue Hall, 3/F, LefuQiang Boyue Hotel, Hefei            Address: No. 229, Chuangxin Avenue, Shushan District, Hefei City, Anhui Province            Phone: 0551 6666 6969            Website: <a href="http://www.lefuqiangboyuehotel.cn/en">http://www.lefuqiangboyuehotel.cn/en</a></p> <p>Dress code: Business Casual</p>
Monday, April 22, 2024 Day 1	
Venue: 4/F, Library Building, Gaoxin Campus, USTC, Hefei, China Dress code: Business Formal	
8:30	Transportation from hotel to the meeting venue (15 mins shuttle bus ride)
8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:10	<p>Welcome by Meeting Chair, University of Science and Technology of China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Kun QU, Director of the Office of International Cooperation</li> </ul>
9:10-9:20	<p>Presidential Welcome Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Xinhe BAO President of University of Science and Technology of China</li> </ul>
9:20 - 9:30	<p>APRU Welcome and Strategic Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof Thomas SCHNEIDER Chief Executive of APRU</li> </ul>



9:30 -10:00	<p><b>Keynote Address on Theme</b></p> <p><b>Collaborative Research For A Better Future – Carbon Neutrality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Xinhe BAO</b> President of University of Science and Technology of China</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:15	Q&A Session
10:15 – 11:00	Group Photo and Morning Break
11:00 – 12:15	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion I: Fostering Innovation at Universities for Impact</u></b></p> <p>Innovation in higher education is imperative for adapting to change, driving economic growth, maintaining global competitiveness, addressing societal challenges, and preparing the next generation of leaders and thinkers, to solve complex problems.</p> <p>This session will provide a platform for thought leaders and key decision-makers to unravel the complexities and explore strategies for nurturing a culture of innovation within universities, with the goal of achieving tangible societal and economic impact. What organizational structures and practices can universities implement to foster a culture that not only encourages but also thrives on innovation within students and researchers? How can universities facilitate multidisciplinary research collaboration within the university, and how to measure research impact? This diverse group of Vice Presidents of Research from universities across the Asia Pacific region will share insights and experiences in cultivating innovation ecosystems, highlight successful models of innovation, discuss how to evaluate, and measure research impact, and share challenges they had overcome.</p> <p><b>Panel Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Anders KARLSSON</b>, Vice President, Global Strategic Networks, Asia Pacific, Elsevier</li> </ul> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Takao ONOYE</b>, Executive Vice President For Research, International Affairs (Research), Information Promotion, And Libraries, Osaka University</li> <li>• <b>Prof Dugan O’NEIL</b>, Vice-President, Research, International, Simon Fraser University</li> <li>• <b>Prof Mai Har SHAM</b>, Pro-Vice-Chancellor / Vice-President (Research), The Chinese University of Hong Kong</li> <li>• <b>Prof LIN Xiao</b>, Vice – President, The University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences</li> </ul>
12:15 – 13:15	<p><b>Lunch on campus</b> <i>with student music performance</i></p>



13:15 - 14:30	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion II: Advancing Research in Emerging Technologies</u></b></p> <p>Emerging technologies represent the frontier of innovation, offering transformative potential across all sectors of society. Engaging in this dialogue ensures that we remain at the cutting edge of development while fostering a collaborative ecosystem that can drive sustainable progress and address humanity's most pressing issues. This panel seeks to explore the multifaceted challenges and opportunities that come with pioneering research in rapidly developing technological fields such as artificial intelligence, sustainable energy and environmental technologies, and biotechnology, among others.</p> <p>The panelists could share their university best case practices on the topic, how to build research capacity, secure funding, establish partnerships, and create the infrastructural backbone necessary for groundbreaking research.</p> <p>Panel Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Dane MCCAMEY</b>, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, UNSW Sydney</li> </ul> <p>Panelist Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Kah Leong LIM</b>, Associate Vice President (Biomedical &amp; Life Sciences), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Prof LIU Bin</b>, Deputy President (Research and Technology), National University of Singapore</li> <li>• <b>Prof Simon ATKINSON</b>, Vice-Chancellor for Research, UC Davis</li> <li>• <b>Prof LUO Yi</b>, Director of Hefei National Research Center for Physical Sciences at the Microscale, The University of Science and Technology of China</li> </ul>
14:30 – 14:45	Afternoon Break
14:45 – 16:00	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion III: Building and Sustaining World- Class Research infrastructure</u></b></p> <p>Robust research infrastructure is often critical factors in determining a university's ability to attract and retain top researchers and to conduct cutting-edge research. In the panel discussion, the Vice-Presidents of Research will share their best-case practices on maintaining premier research facility such as upgrading laboratories to accommodate cutting-edge equipment and technology; integration AI and machine learning, and computational tools to enhance research capabilities; development of core facilities such as data facilities that manage and store large volumes of research data, providing the necessary computational power. The panellists will also share their insights on the challenges on the governing structure and the funding mechanism.</p> <p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Xiaobo YIN</b>, Associate Vice-President (Research Infrastructure), The University of Hong Kong</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Christian GONZÁLEZ-BILLAULT</b>, Vice-president of Research and Development, Universidad de Chile</li> <li>• <b>Prof Anshuman RAZDAN</b>, Vice President for Research and Innovation, University of Oregon</li> <li>• <b>Prof LI Shuiqing</b>, Vice Dean of R&amp;D Affairs Office, Tsinghua University</li> </ul>
16:15 - 16:30	Afternoon Break
16:30 – 17:30	<p><b>Chinese Cultural Activities Experience</b> <i>Join a cultural showcase by enjoying an engaging Huangmei Opera unique in the Anhui province in China.</i></p>
17:30 – 17:45	Transportation to Hotel
18:00 – 20:00	<p><b>Gala Dinner at Hotel</b> Venue: Jiayue Hall, 3/F, LefuQiang Boyue Hotel, Hefei</p> <p><b>Keynote Address (30 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Jianwei PAN</b> Vice- President for Research, and Director of the CAS Center for Excellence in Quantum Information and Quantum Physics, University of Science and Technology of China</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 23, 2024</b> Day 2</p>	
08:45	Transportation from hotel to the meeting venue (15 mins shuttle bus ride)
09:00 – 10:15	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion IV: Strengthening University-Industry Collaboration</u></b></p> <p>This dialogue is designed to dissect and discuss the strategic approaches and best practices for fostering robust partnerships between academia and industry.</p> <p>As universities strive to translate academic research into real-world applications, the need for strong, mutually beneficial collaborations with industry is more pronounced than ever. This panel will explore how universities can effectively engage with industry partners, co-create knowledge, drive innovation, and shape the workforce of the future.</p> <p>Panelists will unpack the dynamics of successful partnerships, address the challenges of aligning different cultures, and discuss mechanisms for sustainable collaboration. How can universities and industries bridge the gap between academic autonomy and commercial focus to achieve a common goal? What frameworks can be established to ensure that both universities and industries</p>



	<p>derive tangible value from their collaboration? What are the most effective strategies for managing intellectual property rights that respect both parties' interests and facilitate technology transfer? What innovative models of university-industry collaboration could be developed to better address global challenges that require both advanced research and rapid application of solutions?</p> <p>Panel Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Kwang-Ting Tim CHENG</b>, Vice – President for Research and Development, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</li> </ul> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Soojin PARK</b>, Vice President of Research and Industry Affairs, POSTECH</li> <li>• <b>Prof Julie CAIRNEY</b>, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Enterprise), The University of Sydney</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Ir. Dr. Kaharudin DIMYATI</b>, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research &amp; Innovation), Universiti Malaya</li> </ul>
10:15– 10:30	<b>Morning Break</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion V: Enhancing International Collaboration for Multidisciplinary Research and Addressing Pacific Challenges</u></b></p> <p>In this session, we will examine the how to foster successful international research collaboration and promote interdisciplinary studies. It will also explore the APRU's dual role in promoting interdisciplinary research and its emerging initiatives to tackle challenges specific to the Pacific, such as food security, climate change, and sustainability.</p> <p>Building on APRU's success in fostering international collaborations that transcend disciplinary boundaries, we will consider how these efforts can be expanded to address pressing global and regional issues more effectively. The panel will explore the potential of APRU's network to catalyze dynamic connections between researchers and institutions, forming an integrated platform for collaborative innovation.</p> <p>We will seek to outline actionable strategies for APRU to enhance its capacity as a facilitator of international research networks, connecting disciplines, cultures, and ideas for greater collective impact. The session will also introduce APRU's upcoming projects focused on the Pacific's unique challenges, demonstrating how targeted interdisciplinary efforts can drive meaningful progress.</p> <p>Panel Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Thomas SCHNEIDER</b>, Chief Executive, APRU</li> </ul>



	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>dr. Nurtami SODEARSONO</b>, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, Universitas Indonesia</li> <li>• <b>Prof Dennis GALVAN</b>, Dean and Vice Provost of the Division of Global Engagement, University of Oregon</li> <li>• <b>Prof Kun QU</b>, Director of the Office of International Cooperation, University of Science and Technology of China</li> <li>• <b>Dr Leo DP CUBILLAN</b>, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of The Philippines-System</li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:45	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Closing Remarks by USTC and APRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Jinlong YANG</b> Vice President, University of Science and Technology of China</li> <li>• <b>Prof Thomas SCHNEIDER</b>, Chief Executive of APRU</li> </ul>
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch on campus
13:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Lab Tour – Institute of Advanced Technology and National Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)</b></p> <p>Take a 5-mins bus ride and have a 1 hour guided tour of the Institute of Advanced Technology at USTC. Then take a 1 hour bus ride and have a guided tour of National Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory (NSRL) at USTC.</p> <p>After the tour, there will be bus transfer for guests to go to Hefei Xinqiao International airport directly and arrive at 5:30pm, or back to hotel directly.</p>



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