

Jock Findlay citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you John Kerr Findlay.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) is being awarded to Professor Jock Findlay, AO, in acknowledgement of his exceptionally distinguished service to society in scientific achievement, leadership and training in the field of reproductive biology, in professional leadership in science and medicine, and to the University.

Born in Broken Hill in 1944, Professor Findlay is a graduate of the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with Honours (1960s) and a PhD (1970). His outstanding work saw him awarded a Doctor of Science by Monash University in 1997.

Since his early scientific training in the fields of Biochemistry and Animal Physiology, Professor Findlay has become internationally recognised for his research in reproductive biology. He has made novel contributions to understanding the regulation of the ovary and uterus, which have proven important to the field of animal and human fertility.

Jock's career began in reproduction research at the University of Melbourne in the early 1970s. After a stint as a Visiting Scientist in Animal Physiology in Cambridge, in the UK, he took up a principal research position at the Medical Research Centre, Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne. He was appointed Associate Director of that Centre in 1983.

In 1985, Jock became a Visiting Consultant in the field of human reproduction at the World Health Organization in Geneva.

The National Health and Medical Research Council has long valued Professor Findlay's research and leadership. As an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, his honorary academic titles have included Monash, Melbourne and La Trobe universities. He has held senior leadership roles at the NHMRC for many years, serving on their Management Committee, Council and as Chair of Grant Review Panels.

Professor Findlay was appointed Inaugural Chair of the Embryo Research Licensing Committee of the NHMRC, where he helped to enable Australia's stem cell research effort.

For a period of eight years he was also Chair of the Infertility Treatment Authority in Victoria.

Professor Findlay is currently Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University, and Distinguished Scientist with the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, in Melbourne.

He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Findlay is nationally and internationally renowned as a highly accomplished scientist and influential advocate for reproductive science, and as a leader in science and medicine.

He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed publications and reviews which have been cited almost 17,000 times, and 21 invited chapters in text books.

Since 2014, Professor Findlay has delivered exceptional service to the University of Adelaide as Chair of the Advisory Board of the University's Robinson Research Institute. In this role, he mentors and advises the Institute to ensure continued research excellence and impact.

Professor Findlay has received some of the highest awards in his field globally, such as: the James Goding Memorial Lectureship from the Australian Society for Reproductive Biology; the Society for Endocrinology Asia and Oceania Medal; the Dale Medal from the Society for Endocrinology, UK; a Distinguished Scientist Award, Society for Reproduction and Fertility in the UK; Emeritus Membership of the US Endocrine Society; and Lifetime Member and Fellowship from the Society for the Study of Reproduction, United States.

In 2001, he was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia; and in 2008, he was subsequently awarded Officer of the Order of Australia – for his services to reproductive medicine, and to the development of national and international health programs.

Over the course of his career, Professor Findlay has delivered exceptional service to society in scientific achievement and leadership in the field of reproductive biology. His substantial and sustained research output includes discoveries that have informed major advances in livestock animal breeding, and human reproductive health and medicine.

Chancellor, I am very pleased and proud to present to you Professor John Kerr Findlay, Bachelor of Agricultural Science, with Honours, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Science, Officer of the Order of Australia, for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*).