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Prof Roy du Pré is Vice-Chancellor of Durban University of Technology. Prior to this appointment, he served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic and Acting Vice-Chancellor of Vaal University of Technology in Gauteng; Executive Director of the Committee of Technikon Principals; and dean, university planner, and professor at the University of Transkei. He has a PhD from Rhodes University, South Africa.

He serves the higher education sector in a variety of ways for e.g. as Member of the Boards of Higher Education South Africa, National Institute for Higher Education, Tertiary Education Network, South African Qualifications Authority, World Association for Cooperative Education, Committee of Heads of Research and Technology, Strategic Advisory Committee of Higher Education HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS); President, Southern African Society for Cooperative Education; Chairperson, South African Technology Network.

Prof du Pré was integrally involved in the various higher education policy initiatives which culminated in the present-day South African higher education landscape. In recent years, his visits abroad have been to universities of technology to establish benchmarks, good practice and best practice in the creation and development of a university of technology sector in South Africa. He has driven the formation of a network for universities of technology in South Africa and has been a member of task teams developing a philosophy of a university of technology in South Africa and is the author of the book outlining the position, role and function of Universities of Technology in South Africa.

Prof du Pré has over 100 publications to his name and has served as editor, consulting editor and member of the editorial board of numerous scientific journals and has been a Visiting Professor at universities in the United States, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland.