

Sir Alan Langlands to step down as Vice-Chancellor

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Sir Alan Langlands has announced his intention to step down as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds during 2020, after seven years in post and 46 years of continuous public service.

Sir Alan will continue to undertake his full duties and responsibilities at the University until a new Vice-Chancellor formally takes up post.

A process to appoint his successor will now begin, led by the Pro-Chancellor, David Gray.

David Gray said: "We are incredibly fortunate to have, in Sir Alan, an inspirational leader whose qualities include humility, integrity, wisdom and humanity.

"He is an outstanding Vice-Chancellor, without whose leadership the University would not be in the strong and successful position it is today.

"The University can face the future with confidence, and we will now begin the process of identifying a new Vice-Chancellor. Sir Alan's willingness to be flexible on his departure date – which is appreciated – will allow an orderly transition to his successor."

Sir Alan is the University's 12th Vice-Chancellor.

Before joining the University he was the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). He also served as the Chief Executive of the National Health Service in England (1994-2000), as the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dundee (2000-09), and as Chair of the UK Biobank (2004-12) and the Health Foundation (2009-17).