

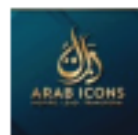


## Professor Ghassan Aouad

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"From the UK to the Middle East, Professor Aouad is not just shaping universities—he's crafting global legacies in education."

**Professor Ghassan Aouad** is a distinguished academic leader and visionary educator currently serving as the Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University since January 2023. Bringing over three decades of leadership in higher education, Professor Aouad has played pivotal roles in transforming universities across the Middle East and the UK.

Prior to his current role, he was President of Applied Science University in Bahrain for over eight years and held senior academic leadership positions at Gulf University for Science and Technology in Kuwait and the University of Wollongong Dubai.

Before his impactful tenure in the Middle East, Professor Aouad dedicated 20 years to the University of Salford in the UK, where he held multiple senior positions including Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and Dean of several faculties. His leadership there was marked by pioneering research initiatives and extensive academic program development.

An accomplished researcher and mentor, Professor Aouad has successfully supervised 24 PhD students and examined over 50, authored and co-authored several major research books, and published 92 papers in top-tier journals. His research leadership attracted over £18 million in funding, and his expertise has been sought worldwide through more than 50 keynote speeches and invited lectures delivered across 40 countries.

Professor Aouad's influence extends beyond academia as a past President of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), a prestigious professional body with a 180-year legacy and a global membership exceeding 45,000.

Recognized for his contributions to executive education, he was named one of the top ten academic leaders shaping the Middle East's educational landscape by the Middle East Economic Digest in 2013. In 2016, Loughborough University honored him with an honorary doctorate of technology, celebrating his outstanding contributions to research and education.

With a proven record of visionary leadership, research excellence, and international collaboration, Professor Ghassan Aouad continues to shape the future of higher education and professional development across the globe.

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