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**Auckland Science Dean appointed Vice-Chancellor at Victoria University of Wellington**

The next Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Victoria University of Wellington will be Professor Grant Guilford.

Grant is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Auckland and a member of the Senior Management Team. He has successfully led large and complex academic organisations, beginning with the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences at Massey University and continuing to his current role as Dean of Sciences. The Faculty has approximately 850 staff and 7500 students, including 1400 postgraduates. It spans natural and social science disciplines, encompasses a number of professions and has revenues in excess of $180 million.

Grant holds Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Veterinary Science degrees from Massey University and a PhD in Nutrition from the University of California, Davis. Earlier in his career, he undertook teaching, research, clinical and leadership roles at the University of Missouri, the University of California, Davis, and Massey University.

He has driven major capital works processes and participated in a wide range of commercialisation processes, and has been on the board of a number of companies, research consortia, joint ventures, centres of research excellence, and a Crown research institute.

Professor Guilford will take up the position of Vice-Chancellor on 1 March 2014.