

CITATION – Professor Robin Stanton, Pro Vice-Chancellor (retired)

The Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service to the Campus Community recognises voluntary and sustained contributions, over and above what might reasonably be expected in the course of duty, which enhance the general welfare and life of the campus and benefit the institution as a whole.

Professor Robin Stanton made an outstanding contribution to the University community over a period of 40 years. He joined the University in 1973 as a senior lecturer in the Department of Statistics before moving to the newly formed Department of Computer Science in 1976. He has been instrumental in leading the development of this evolving discipline in the University, being Head of the Department from 1983 to 1993. In 1998 Robin was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, Technology and Engineering, being the ACT Division President.

Professor Stanton was also Deputy Director of the Centre for Information Sciences, a Centre that spanned the IAS and Faculties at the time. With the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology in 1993, for which he was again instrumental, Robin became the inaugural Dean serving in that position concurrently as Executive Director of the Advanced Computing Systems CRC until 1997 when he became Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor. Professor Stanton was appointed Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) in 1998 and later adopted the role of PVC (E-Strategies), leading the University's strategy around information technology, e-learning and high performance computing. He also concurrently served a term as Director of the Research School of Information Sciences and Engineering from 2002 to 2003. Robin has also been key in developing and maintaining the University's relationship with Fujitsu resulting in a continuous level of collaborative research activity over 25 years.

In these various roles Professor Stanton has made a significant contribution to the research and education profile of the University in the area of Computer Science, Information Technology, digital futures and e-learning. He is seen as a national and international leader in information technology and was instrumental in bringing together the National Computing Infrastructure facility, which has positioned the University as central in the Nation's high performance computing capability. He is acknowledged as the 'father of supercomputing' at ANU, which has permeated every aspect of the ANU community. Robin Stanton has been an outstanding member of the ANU community, and a very deserving recipient of this Chancellor's Award.