

Biography

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Dr. Robert Brown has been president of Boston University since 2005. Under his leadership, Boston University was invited to join the Association of American Universities (AAU) in 2012. The University's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, launched in 2012, raised over \$1 billion by April 2016 and has had its goal and duration extended to \$1.5 billion in 2019. The campaign already has led to important new academic initiatives, including the Kilachand Honors College, a unique discovery-based approach to fulfilling the general education requirement for our most talented undergraduate students; the Pardee School of Global Studies within the College of Arts & Sciences; and the establishment of the \$100 million Rajen Kilachand Fund for Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering, the first major endowed research fund in Boston University's history.

Dr. Brown is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the National Academy of Sciences. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the AAU. He is chairman of the Academic Research Council of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Singapore and also serves on the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council, chaired by the Prime Minister of Singapore. The National Academy of Engineering awarded Dr. Brown the Simon Ramo Founders Award in 2014. In that same year, he was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

Previously, Dr. Brown was provost at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned a BS and an MS in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD from the University of Minnesota.