



## Abridged Biography | Prof Andrew Crouch

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Professor Andrew Crouch is the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Sol Plaatje University.

Professor Crouch joined Sol Plaatje University, in April 2020, from Wits University where he had served as the Vice-Principal, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science during his eleven years at that institution. Prior to his tenure at Wits University he was at Stellenbosch University, where he had served as the Associate Dean of Natural Sciences.

A full professor of chemistry for the past 27 years, Professor Crouch worked at the University of the Western Cape for seven years, four of which was as the Head of Department of Chemistry. He holds a BSc (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and a BSc Honours in Chemistry from the University of the Western Cape and a PhD in Chemistry from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

An active member in the African higher education sector, Professor Crouch has extensive experience in teaching, research and postgraduate training, having developed courses and taught at all tertiary levels. He is the recipient of numerous awards for teaching, research and administration. The most notable of these are the prestigious Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Fellowship and Gold Medal from the Anglo American Chairman's Fund as well as the Excellence in Teaching and Research Award from the International Society of Electrochemistry for his contribution to the field of Electrochemistry in South Africa.

Professor Crouch has over 30-years research experience in environmental electrochemistry and its applications, being the author/co-author of more than 140 research papers and conference proceedings and one patent in the area of electrochemistry.

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