

Dr. David W. Strangway
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Dr. David Strangway's roster of professional achievements is truly inspirational. He participated in the Apollo 17 lunar mission when he was Chief of Geophysics for NASA in the 1970s. He served as President of the University of British Columbia for more than a decade, from 1985 to 1997. In 2002, he was Founding Chancellor of Quest University, Canada's first independent, not-for-profit, non-sectarian university. And from 1998 to 2004, Dr. Strangway served as president of the Canada Foundation for Innovation, where his legacy as an extraordinary leader and visionary persists to this day. These days, Dr. Strangway is working to create an African Research Chairs program based on his experience in helping to establish the Canada Research Chairs Program. He possesses an impressive resume of honours including officer of the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, foreign Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and recipient of the Queen's Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilee medals and the NASA medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement. Dr. David Strangway's distinguished career has made him one of Canada's foremost experts on research in post-secondary institutions.