

## **SUNY Appoints Dr. Jessica Robin as Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs**

On October 28, the SUNY Board of Trustees voted to approve the appointment of Dr. Jessica Robin as SUNY's Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs. Jessica will officially join the Office of Global Affairs in late January and brings great expertise in international affairs and higher education. We are eager for you to get to know and work with her.

Currently, Jessica serves as the Office Head of the Office of International Science and Engineering at the National Science Foundation (NSF), where she provides executive leadership for international engagement, oversees a staff that has included up to 30 people, and manages the NSF's budget to advance its global mission.

Jessica has over 27 years of experience developing and managing global partnerships, and she is a distinguished leader in international science, technology, and higher education. She has multilingual proficiency and international experience from living and working in several countries, including Indonesia, Scotland, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, and Uruguay.

During her career at NSF, Jessica played an essential role in expanding the agency's collaborations, negotiating and managing more than 30 international agreements with partners across Europe, Asia, and the Americas. She has also led major U.S. government efforts to strengthen global research collaboration, ensure compliance with research security standards, and promote diversity and inclusion within scientific research. Prior to her time at the NSF, Jessica held leadership roles at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center and worked in research and extension support at Cornell University.

Jessica earned her PhD in Geographical Sciences from the University of Maryland at College Park, Master of Science in soil science from Cornell University, Master of Professional Studies in international agriculture from Cornell University's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, and Bachelor of Science from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

We are excited for Jessica to join SUNY and the Office of Global Affairs. Please join us in welcoming her to her new position.

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The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States, and more than 95 percent of all New Yorkers live within 30 miles of any one of SUNY's 64 colleges and universities. Across the system, SUNY has four academic health centers, five hospitals, four medical schools, two dental schools, a law school, the country's oldest school of maritime, the state's only college of optometry, and manages one US Department of Energy National Laboratory. In total, SUNY serves about 1.4 million students amongst its entire portfolio of credit- and non-credit-bearing courses and programs, continuing education, and community outreach programs. SUNY oversees nearly a quarter of academic research in New York. Research expenditures system-wide are nearly \$1.16 billion in fiscal year 2024, including significant contributions from students and faculty. There are more than three million SUNY alumni worldwide, and one in three New Yorkers with a college degree is a SUNY alum. To learn more about how SUNY creates opportunities, visit [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu).

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