

## THE-ICE 16th IPoE Forum 2023

Panel 5: Learning Anytime, Everywhere: evolving institutional models and industry needs

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Dr Stuart Wiggins is Pro Vice Chancellor (Employability) and Registrar leading the Admissions, Registry, Student Services and Work Integrated Learning (WIL) departments at the International College of Management, Sydney.

Dr Wiggins studied Hotel Management at Bournemouth University including periods of training in five-star hotels in both Switzerland and London, UK, and his subsequent hotel career included two hotel openings, the Sydney Marriott (now the Pullman on Hyde Park) and the acclaimed Merrion Hotel, Dublin.

While still in the industry Dr Wiggins also taught in hospitality colleges, beginning a transition to eventual full-time involvement with education roles firstly in teaching and eventually in program management, academic leadership, college and campus operations management, quality and risk management, accreditation, and academic services management as well as leadership in

student services and Registry.

Dr Wiggins' roles have also given him exposure to public and private sector education in both vocational and higher education contexts in the UK, Ireland, and Australia. Throughout his education career his interest has deepened in the how the relationship between industry and education can be maximised for the benefit of all stakeholders, and this interest led to his PhD studies.

Dr Wiggins holds an HND in Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management from Bournemouth University, a Certificate in Education (Post-Compulsory Education) from the University of Northampton and a Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods from Macquarie University. In September 2022 the University of Tasmania awarded Dr Wiggins a PhD for his thesis focusing on capabilities necessary for entry level employment in hotels.