

DAVID B. WILLIAMS, Ph.D, Sc.D

President, The University of Alabama in Huntsville
Biography

David B. Williams was named president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2007 and is moving to position the campus as one of the leading research universities in the nation.

Dr. Williams articulated the Power of 10 initiative after extensive cross-campus discussions and through the collaboration of leaders from the Huntsville area's business, education and government communities. Attaining the program's goals will further strengthen UAHuntsville's reputation as an innovative academic institution and technological research university and strengthen its pivotal role in Huntsville's continuing economic growth.

Goals from the Power of 10 include:

- 10⁸ — \$100 million in research annually
- 10⁸ — \$100 million endowment
- 10⁷ — \$10 million in annual giving
- 10⁴ — 10,000 students
- 10³ — 1,000 interns and cooperative education students
- 10² — 100 Ph.D.s annually
- 10¹ — 10 new interdisciplinary programs
- 10⁰ — 1 international campus

Innovative developments for the university since he arrived on campus include: the hiring of two world-class eminent scholars — Michael Griffin in aerospace engineering and Gary Zank in astrophysics; the first college campus in the United States to operate an office for Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and the creation of a pioneering research collaboration agreement with Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne.

Dr. Williams joined UAHuntsville following a distinguished career at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. At Lehigh, Dr. Williams earned extensive academic, research, and administrative credentials and served most recently as vice provost for research. His research and administrative experiences were strongly supported by many Federal Agencies, including NASA and the U.S. Army, that drive much of UAHuntsville's progress.

A native of Leeds, England, Dr. Williams holds B.A., M.A., Ph.D., and Sc.D. degrees in Metallurgy and Materials Science from The University of Cambridge.