

About Dr. Michael D. Johnson

Dr. Michael D. Johnson is the interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Central Florida.

As UCF's chief academic officer, he leads UCF's academic programs and initiatives across UCF's 13 colleges, which serve more than 69,000 students and support more than 3,000 teaching and research faculty. His responsibilities also include UCF's multiple campuses, research centers, and institutes. In addition, he manages UCF's academic operating budget in collaboration with the president's office, vice presidents, deans and other academic leaders.

Dr. Johnson joined UCF in 1990 and has served since 2011 as dean of the College of Sciences, where he is also a professor in the Department of Physics. The college spans natural and mathematical sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics), social and behavioral sciences (Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology), and communication. As dean, Dr. Johnson oversaw all the college's education, research, and service activities.

His other roles at UCF have included serving on the University Budget Committee, Budget Realignment Committee, and the IT Governance Committee. He has also been engaged in overseeing global academic programs, chairing dean and provost searches, serving as associate dean and interim chair, and assisting the provost's office with faculty collective bargaining agreement negotiations, grievances, and discipline.

As a scholar, his research is in theoretical condensed matter physics, including nonequilibrium high-current transport in nanodevices, quantum statistical mechanics of integrable systems, fractional statistics, and pattern formation in complex fluids. He earned his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Virginia.