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Professor Mattheus (Theo) Goosen currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies a position he has held for the past 15 years. He was also the Acting Dean of the College of Science & General Studies from 2017 to 2022. As one of the founding senior faculty he feels extremely proud to be part of this competent, diverse, and internationally renowned institution. Alfaisal University is a fully accredited NCAAA institute of higher education. Furthermore, the *Times Higher Education (THE) Young Universities 2022 Rankings* placed Alfaisal University 1st in Saudi Arabia, 1st in the Arab Region & 36th Globally. The university was also ranked 8th by *THE* in “The World’s Best Small Universities” (2022)

Prior to joining Alfaisal University, Dr Mattheus acquired extensive academic experience working for several prestigious Institutions over a span of more than 24 years. He was the Campus Dean of the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) in Amman, Jordan (2006-2008). Before this he worked in Puerto Rico, USA as the Dean of the School of Science and Technology at the Universidad del Turabo (2004-2006). Other Institutes where he has held academic positions were Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat (2003-2004), Oxford University, UK (sabbatical 1990- 91), Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada (1984-1996). Apart from pedagogical job roles, Dr Mattheus has also held various technical positions in respected companies such as Areej Vegetable Oils & Derivatives (Oman), Oman Agricultural Development Company (Oman) & Connaught Laboratories Limited (Canada ON).

Dr. Mattheus has been awarded with several accolades and scholarships for his achievements. He was recognized for example in the “*Stanford University’s World’s Top 2% Scientists List*” (Career Impact) in 2022. He still teaches a course on “*Environmental Science & Sustainability*” to undergraduate students. Additionally, Dr Mattheus has more than 200 publications to his credit including over 150 referred journal papers, 45 conference papers, 12 edited books and 10 patents. He has been involved in major research projects and has helped to raise over \$20 million USD for research work at Alfaisal University. His areas of research interests include renewable energy, desalination, sustainable development, membrane separations, biomaterials, and culinary research.