

2019 AARES Distinguished Fellow

Professor Quentin Grafton



Quentin Grafton's early studies had him heading towards a career in agricultural economics, with a bachelor degree from Massey University, a Master degree from Iowa State University, and time working as an agricultural economist in Haiti. Then he shifted towards natural resource economics, with a PhD from the University of British Columbia, and since then he's had a stellar research career with particular focuses on fisheries and water.

After spending most of a decade at the University of Ottawa in Canada, Quentin moved to the Australian National University in 2001, where he has been ever since, apart from three years as Executive Director and Chief Economist of the Australian Government's Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics. Currently he is the UNESCO Chair in Water Economics and Transboundary Water Governance. He is also the Co-Chair, of the ANU Water Initiative and Director of the Centre for Water Economics, Environment and Policy.

Quentin has published 17 books, 150 journal articles, and 40 book chapters. This research has garnered several prestigious awards including a Eureka Prize in 2011 and Best Paper Prizes from *Economic Analysis and Policy* (2018) and the *Economic Record* (2006). He has supervised 38 PhD and Masters students and received ANU's top prize for excellence in supervision in 2010.

His contributions to the discipline as journal editor are very extensive, including a term as editor of the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He currently edits *Policy Forum.net* and *Global Water Forum*.

Quentin is very actively engaged with policy and policy debates, through advisory roles, expert panels and speaking out in the media, particularly on issues related to water management in the Murray-Darling Basin.

Beyond his term as AJARE editor, Quentin's contributions to AARES are numerous. Notably as a long-term member of Council and then as President, he contributed strongly to AARES's strategic planning. As an indication of his dedication to the Society, when a need arose, he willingly served a second term as Past President in 2019.

Professor Grafton is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.