



Dr. Cyril R. Clarke

**Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
Virginia Tech**

A veterinarian, clinical pharmacologist, teacher, researcher, and academic leader, Dr. Cyril R. Clarke became the interim Executive Vice President and Provost of Virginia Tech on November 1, 2017.

A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, Clarke earned his professional veterinary degree from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in 1981 and a Ph.D. in veterinary pharmacology from Louisiana State University in 1987. He is certified as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology.

Clarke was a faculty member at Oklahoma State University from 1987 to 2007, where he also served as an academic department head and associate dean for academic affairs in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. He obtained a master's degree in higher education from the university in 2000.

Funded by corporate, state, and federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Institutes of Health, Clarke's research focused on the interactions between antibacterial agents, animal patients, and infectious microbes. Tissue distribution of antibacterial agents and pathogenesis of acute lung infections are particular areas of emphasis represented in his published scholarship. He is a recipient of the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence.

In 2007, Clarke was appointed to the position of Lois Bates Acheson Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University. During his time as dean, Clarke continued to teach pharmacology to veterinary students. In addition to receiving a Certificate of Excellence in Teaching, Clarke was honored with the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association's President's Award. He subsequently joined Virginia Tech on October 1, 2013, as Dean of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

Clarke has held leadership positions in several professional organizations, including the board of directors for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and past president of the American College of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He is also a past member of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and the AVMA Council on Education, the accrediting agency for veterinary medical education in North America.