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Alexandria University, Egypt
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Civil Engineering

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Dr. Mohamed Abousalem is the third president of Keck Graduate Institute. He began his leadership on July 1, 2024.

Dr. Abousalem's distinguished technical, business, and administrative career includes executive positions at non-profit organizations, private industry, and academia, focused on catalyzing technology solutions and advancing research and innovation. His deep experience in California includes previously serving as the inaugural Vice President for Research and Innovation at San Jose State University (SJSU) and as President of the Board of Directors of the SJSU Research Foundation. At SJSU, he led the strategic growth of student-engaged research as he grew the SJSU research enterprise from \$47M to \$84M in five years. He also established the innovation strategic plan to serve as the blueprint for supporting student, faculty, and alumni entrepreneurs through technology transfer, a startup incubator, and several industry partnerships. Prior to SJSU, Dr. Abousalem led the University of California Santa Cruz's (UCSC) technology transfer, commercialization, and entrepreneurship enterprise, where he led the significant growth of the intellectual property portfolio and licensing income. Also, through substantial state funding and community partnerships, he established a Santa Cruz wet-lab incubator and a Silicon Valley startup accelerator. Before that, Dr. Abousalem served as the founding chief executive officer of TECTERRA, where he forged economic development collaborations among academia, industry, non-profits, and government to support the growth of startup businesses across Canada and the commercialization of university applied research projects in Alberta. In industry, Dr. Abousalem had several executive roles including product development, corporate development, general management, marketing and communications, and human resources in corporations with worldwide operations.

Dr. Abousalem has served on several community and corporate boards, including his appointment in 2022 by Governor Newsom to the Board of Directors of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

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