

## Biography

### Gavin Ian McLachlan

Gavin was born in Toronto, Canada and attended Crescent School for his primary education.

Gavin is a Computer Science Graduate from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia and he also holds an MBA from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California with a major in international business.

Mr McLachlan worked at University College London (UCL) for 6 years as the Deputy Chief Information Officer and the Director of Research IT Services.

Prior to working at UCL, he held a number of senior IT management positions at Computacenter and Capita Education Services (part of the Capita Group) and in a number of other private sector organisations spanning the IT management service, educational IT service, insurance and apparel industries.



In 2015 Gavin accepted a post as the Chief Information Officer and Librarian to the University of Edinburgh. At the University of Edinburgh he is responsible for the strategic development and efficient delivery of a wide range of IT, Library and Collections services, including University's IT Strategy, IT services, Learning & Teaching technology services, Digital Research Services, Library services, EDINA, Digital Curation Centre, Museums, Galleries and Special Collections. In addition, he plays a crucial role in ensuring that the University remains at the forefront of technological innovations that promote a world-class user experience for staff and students. He is involved or leads a number of key University programmes and initiatives including digital transformation, digital strategy, hybrid working, digital strategy, the HR and Finance systems transformation and replacement, aspects of the City Deal programme and the online and distance learning programmes world-wide.

In 2016 Mr McLachlan was appointed by the University of Oxford General Council as the external member to the University Information Technology Committee.

Mr McLachlan is also active as an advisor to Scottish government as a member of the Scottish Digital Directorate's Digital Public Services Sponsor group; and as the chair of the Scottish Government expert group on the Digital Identity Assurance programme.

In February 2019 Mr McLachlan was appointed as a Vice Principal at the University of Edinburgh adding to his current role as the CIO and Librarian to the University.