



## **LARRY ROBINSON**

### **Bio**

Larry Robinson, Ph.D., is Florida A&M University's (FAMU's) 12th president. A distinguished professor and researcher in the School of the Environment who has previously served as the interim president twice before being named to permanent position on November 30, 2017.

Dr. Robinson served as director of FAMU's Environmental Sciences Institute from 1997 to 2003, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs from 2003 to 2005 and vice president for Research in 2009.

Dr. Robinson's honors include an appointment to serve on the national STEM Education Advisory Panel. Congress authorized the creation of the panel to encourage U.S. scientific and technological innovations in education.

Most recently, Dr. Robinson became an Ex-Officio Member of the Florida Council of 100. The Florida Council of 100 promotes the economic growth of Florida and seeks to improve the economic well-being and quality of life of Floridians through the pursuit of better, business-driven public policy. Dr. Robinson also received two recent appointments to serve on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board and the Gulf Research Program. The National Sea Grant Board advises the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on addressing ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources. The \$500 million plus Gulf Research program develops innovative solutions to energy, human, and ecological issues in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Robinson is the principal investigator, and FAMU is the lead institution, of a \$30 million five-year federal grant from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support the Center for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems mission to train the next generation of scientists from under-represented groups.

From 2001 to 2010, Dr. Robinson served as director of the NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center housed at FAMU. In 2007-2009, Dr. Robinson served as senior scientific advisor at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. In May 2010, he took a leave of absence from FAMU to serve in a U.S. Senate-confirmed position as assistant secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management at NOAA.

In November 2011, Dr. Robinson was asked to return to the University as a special assistant to the president and professor coordinating administrative and eminent scholar searches and integrating Graduate Studies and Title III Programs within the Division of Sponsored Research.

Dr. Robinson began his career at FAMU in January 1995 as a visiting professor in the Environmental Sciences Institute and later became director of the Institute in January 1997.



Dr. Robinson attended Lemoyne-Owen College, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry (summa cum laude) from Memphis State University and a doctorate in nuclear chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.