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Fabian Monds was Provost of Magee College and Pro Vice Chancellor for Planning in the University of Ulster 1995 – 2000. He is now Emeritus Professor of Information Systems.

He has worked at Purdue University, Indiana and at the Queen's University of Belfast. Professor Monds' research interests include telecommunications, signal processing and entrepreneurial studies. He is the author of 2 books and 1 course text, over 80 other academic publications and numerous articles. He is a founding partner of Medical and Scientific Computer Services Ltd., Lisburn and of WesternConnect Ltd, Londonderry.

His public service has included membership of the Northern Ireland Training Authority, the Further Education Review Group, the Board of the Manufacturing Technology Partnership Ltd and the Green Economy Working Group. He was Chairman of the Industrial Research & Technology Unit Board and a trustee of the Bytes project, which provides young marginalised people with access to information technology and skills enhancement.

He has contributed to economic development and inward investment initiatives, particularly in Derry, Fermanagh, Tyrone and Belfast. He was a founder member of Synergy Centres Ltd., supporting technology transfer in West Belfast, and of the Fermanagh University Partnership Board's 'Higher Bridges' project, developing higher education provision and access. He was Chairman of the Omagh 2010 Task Force and he is now Chairman of the NI Centre for Trauma and Transformation in Omagh. He is a Trustee of the National Teaching Awards.

In August 1999 he was appointed BBC National Governor for Northern Ireland. From April 2002 to December 2005 he held the post Chairman of the Board of Invest Northern Ireland.