

Dr. George Sharvashidze,
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Bio

Since September 2016, Dr. George Sharvashidze serves as the 30th Rector of [Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#), where he is leading TSU's efforts to help shape future of the University's research and education, with an emphasis on innovation and internationalization. At the same time, Rector Sharvashidze is the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Georgian University Rectors.

Dr. Sharvashidze holds a Ph.D. degree in Pedagogical Sciences from Sulkhani Sabashvili Tbilisi State Pedagogical University (Georgia) and is the author of over 15 publications in the fields of education policy, strategic planning and education management issues.

In his role as the Rector of TSU Dr. Sharvashidze has encouraged strengthening of the University's international profile and visibility worldwide, raised the awareness of various scientific activities among the TSU's academic and student communities as well as nationally, and promoted collaboration across different academic disciplines and administrative units.

At various stages of his career, Dr. Sharvashidze served as a Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Georgia (1996-2000 and 2013-2016), the director of Open Society Institute's Academic Fellowship Programme (AFP) in Budapest, Hungary (2004-2013) and the President of the International Institute for Education Policy, Planning and Management (EPPM, 2000-2003). He is a member of the Academia Europaea as well as the member of the Expert Group HERCULES (Higher Education, Research and Culture in European Society). George Sharvashidze is the member of the Leadership Council of the SDSN ([Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#)) Black Sea chapter.