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Dr. Mahon began his academic career at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies in 1987. During his tenure there he served as Director of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute for five years and as Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs for three years.

Dr. Mahon's research in disability studies has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. He is the recipient of numerous awards recognizing academic achievement in his field, including: Fellow of the Academy of Leisure Sciences (2001); Award of Distinction from the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (2000); the University of Manitoba Rh Award for Outstanding Contributions to Interdisciplinary Scholarship and Research (1995).

In addition to his research, Dr. Mahon has served on numerous committees and professional organizations related to the promotion of health, physical activity and sport. From 2007-2010, he was Chair of the U of A's Health Sciences Council, which champions interdisciplinary teaching and research, and he was co-chair of the bid committee for the 2015 Universiade Games.

Dr. Mahon joined the U of L on July 1, 2010, and is the institution's sixth president and vice-chancellor. The U of L has evolved from a very successful primarily undergraduate university to a research-intensive, comprehensive university with a focus on both undergraduate and graduate studies. The U of L is committed to creating opportunities that enable the academic success of its students and building their engagement in the community.