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Dr Alan Finkel AO FTSE is Chancellor of Monash University and President of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. He is co-founder and Chairman of Cosmos Magazine, the chairman of the Australian Centre of Excellence for All-Sky Astrophysics and the Executive Chairman of Stile Education.

Alan was awarded his PhD in electrical engineering from Monash University and worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in neuroscience at the Australian National University. In 1983 he founded Axon Instruments, a California-based company that made precision scientific instruments used at pharmaceutical companies and universities for the discovery of new medicines. Subsequent to Axon being acquired, since 2006 Alan has enjoyed a varied business career that includes property development and a period in electric vehicle charge network provision.

Alan is passionate about educating the next generation. He established the Australian Course in Advanced Neuroscience to provide advanced training to early-career scientists and he leads a secondary school science program named STELR that is currently running in nearly 400 secondary schools around Australia.