



**William Bridger**  
**President & CEO**  
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Dr. Bill Bridger joined the Alberta Ingenuity Fund as founding President & CEO in September, 2001.

Dr. Bridger received both his undergraduate and graduate training in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Manitoba. Following postdoctoral research at the Department of Chemistry at UCLA under Nobel Laureate Paul Boyer, Dr. Bridger joined the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Alberta in 1968. He was made a full Professor in 1977, and served as Chair of the Department of Biochemistry from 1987 to 1993. He then joined the central administration of the University of Alberta as Associate Vice-President (Research) until his move to The University of Western Ontario in 1996 where he held the position of Vice-President (Research) and led the establishment of the Office of Industry Liaison with responsibility for enhancement of university-industry collaboration, and the Office for International Research, whose mandate extends to global research partnerships. Dr. Bridger completed a fifteen-month study leave in the Laboratory of Cell Biology at the Rockefeller University in New York City (1984-85), working with Nobel Laureate Günter Blobel.

Dr. Bridger's personal research has been concerned with the structure and function of enzymes and other proteins using the tools of molecular biology and protein crystallography. He has won numerous awards for his research, including the Ayerst Award of the Canadian Biochemical Society (1980). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1989. His scientific bibliography includes over ninety papers in refereed journals and one book (Cell ATP) published by Wiley in 1983.

Dr. Bridger has served on many committees and boards. He has served as both Secretary and President of the Canadian Biochemical Society, and on both the Board and Executive of the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies. He has also served as Chair of the Board of The University of Western Ontario Research Park and as Chair of the Ontario Council on University Research.