



Dr Richard C Levin

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Dr Richard C Levin, Frederick William Beinecke Professor of Economics, has been Yale's President since 1993. He received his BA from Stanford University in 1968 and studied politics and philosophy at Oxford University, where he earned a BLitt degree. In 1974, he received his PhD from Yale and joined the Yale faculty. Before becoming president, he chaired the economics department and served as dean of Yale's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

During his presidency, the University has invested \$4 billion in the renovation and construction of its facilities, announced a billion-dollar commitment to strengthen the University's science and engineering programmes, launched numerous international initiatives, and designed innovative partnerships to advance economic development and home ownership in New Haven. In mid-June 2007, President Levin announced the University purchase of the Bayer HealthCare complex, a property that features over 500,000 square feet of state-of-the-art research space, as well as office buildings, warehouses, and other facilities. Most recently, the University Trustees approved the expansion of Yale College and the future construction of two new residential colleges.

President Levin is recognized as an advocate and leader of the emerging role of higher education in responding to the challenge of sustainable development locally and globally. He established an Office of Sustainability in 2005, and during that year endorsed an aggressive greenhouse gas reduction target and strategy for the University. In 2007-08, President Levin convened the leadership of Yale's peer institutions nationally and internationally, challenging each of these universities to respond to the pressing issue of climate change.

Dr Levin is a trustee of the Hewlett Foundation, a director of American Express, and a member of the National Committee on United States-China Relations. He served on a bipartisan commission to recommend improvements in the nation's intelligence capabilities and chaired a major review of the nation's patent system for the National Academy of Sciences. He holds honorary degrees from Harvard, Princeton, Oxford, Peking, and Tokyo universities and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.