

David M. Malone, born in 1954, became Rector of the UN University (UNU), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, with the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, in March 2013. UNU, a confederation of research institutions and partnerships located on all continents, serves as the UN's principal think-tank.

Malone was educated at the University of Montreal, the American University of Cairo and Harvard University and holds a D.Phil from Oxford University.

He continues to coordinate ambitious collective research projects, currently on: India's international relations; the law and practice of the United Nations; and the evolving role and characteristics of the UN Security Council, with each expected to yield a major publication over the coming three years. He recently published *International Development: Ideas, Practice and Prospects* (Oxford University Press, 2014), a near-encyclopaedic survey of the topic co-edited with Bruce Currie-Alder, Ravi Kanbur and Rohinton Medhora.

He was President of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), one of the world's leading funders of policy-relevant research in developing countries (2008-2013). A career foreign service officer, he served as Canada's envoy to India and non-resident Ambassador to Bhutan/Nepal and as a Canadian ambassador at the UN.

He has published extensively, in academic and lighter veins.