

DR. GAILENE TOBIN VANDENHEUVEL

Dr. Gailene Tobin Vandenneuvel, the Executive Director of Western Research Parks, boasts over 30 years of dynamic leadership in business and economic development. Her extensive background includes pivotal roles in research and development and leadership in industry settings, as well as business and economic development for government, private industry and academia.

Complementing her wealth of business development expertise, Gailene possesses strong academic credentials. She holds a PhD in Cellular Immunology from UPEI, an MSc in Pathology & Microbiology from the Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI (where she remains adjunct faculty), a BSc in Agriculture (Dalhousie), along with a Graduate Diploma in Aquaculture from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador.

As a strategic leader, Dr. Vandenneuvel excels in driving innovation and business improvements, emphasizing partnership development, technology transfer, and commercialization across government, industry, and academic sectors. Her commitment to enriching the innovation community is evident through her efforts at Western Research Parks, where she enhances support for businesses, co-chairs regional initiatives to accelerate economic growth, and expands international connections to foster global influence.

