

Samuel B. Mukasa Bio

Samuel B. Mukasa is currently Senior Executive for Global STEM Initiatives at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He has served as dean of colleges of science and engineering at the University of New Hampshire and the University of Minnesota for a total of 7 years. In that capacity, he was chief executive officer and chief academic officer of the second-largest colleges at these two institutions, spanning 9 and 12 departments, respectively, and ranked among the top engineering and science academic programs in the country. He provided strategic and intellectual leadership and administrative oversight as well as advancing research, teaching, and service.

Mukasa previously served as department chair and the Eric J. Essene Professor of Geochemistry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he spent 21 years of his career. Both as chair and as dean, he led development of strategic plans, launched new undergraduate degree programs, and championed faculty cluster hiring initiatives to enhance interdisciplinary scholarship.

Mukasa holds a Ph.D. in geochemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.S. in geology from Ohio State University and a B.S. in geology from UNH. He did his postdoctoral research fellowship at Columbia University in New York. He has also been the recipient of an honorary doctorate.

He has served as president of the Geochemical Society and in leadership positions for programs at the National Science Foundation and National Academy of Sciences focused on polar climate issues, among many other scientific and professional leadership roles. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Geological Society of America.