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Professor Alan Barrell has spent almost 30 years in senior executive positions in technology-based industries and has become one of Cambridge's most articulate promoters of entrepreneurship. He is Entrepreneur in Residence at the University's Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Bedfordshire School of Graduate Business Studies, Xiamen University and the Shanghai College of Science and Technology. More recently, he was appointed as International Research Fellow at Laurea University of Applied Science, Entrepreneur in Residence at McMaster University and Guest Professor at Tohoku Fukushi University.

Professor Barrell currently chairs the East of England NHS Strategic Innovations Council, Health Enterprise East Limited and the Senior Advisory Board of the National Consortium of University Entrepreneurs (NACUE), which has recruited more than 40,000 members since its formation less than a year ago. Professor Barrell is also a member of the investor groups Cambridge Angels and Sophia Business Angels and has previously chaired the Cambridge Enterprise Conference and works closely with a number of Science Parks and Innovation Centres in Cambridge, elsewhere in the UK and overseas. He received The Queen's Award in 2006 for Enterprise Promotion and was conferred the Honour of Knight First Class, Order of the White Rose of Finland by the President of Finland in February 2011.

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