



Adrian Smith

Non-Executive Director UniSA Ventures Pty Ltd

Adrian is an entrepreneurial leader who possesses an exceptional combination of communication, planning, financial, business development and team building skills, honed through a career that has seen him progress through a wide variety of leadership roles from the management of complex technical projects through to corporate leadership in both SME and multi-national businesses.

Adrian's career has provided him with a unique set of experiences and perspectives which drive his business philosophy. This includes having founded, grown and successfully exited a global technology company, as well as having built the local subsidiaries of global defence businesses.

Adrian is passionate about entrepreneurship and the contribution that start-up and SME companies make to the Australian economy and general fabric of our society. He strongly believes that companies with a potential for high growth, particularly those with a global focus, should be nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential. Having benefited from a wide variety of generous mentors throughout the various stages of his own career, Adrian understands the value of seeking out the experiences of others, translating these into a business's unique context and leveraging this to accelerate growth.

Through his role on the board, Adrian is sharing his unique combination of skills to contribute to growth and achievement of organisational excellence at UniSA Ventures.