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Patrick S. Osmer was named Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School at The Ohio State University (OSU) in 2006. From 1993 to 2006, Osmer served as professor and Chair of the Department of Astronomy. Under his direction, the department's research and graduate programs achieved international recognition, resulting in OSU joining the international Large Binocular Telescope project. In 2004, he was named Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. Osmer is a recognized authority on the evolution of distant quasars and their relation to host galaxies.

Before coming to OSU, Osmer was Deputy Director at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, from 1988 to 1993. As an interim project scientist for the international Gemini Telescopes project, he led the development of science requirements for the project's partners. Osmer also served as Director of the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) in La Serena, Chile, from 1981 to 1985. While he was there, CTIO constructed what was then the largest telescope in the southern hemisphere.

Osmer earned his B.S. in astronomy from the Case Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in astronomy from the California Institute of Technology.

