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Peter W.G. Morris is emeritus professor of construction and project management at University College London (UCL). He was head of UCL’s Bartlett School of Construction and Project Management between 2002 and 2012. During this time, the school tripled in size.

Professor Morris’s research is in the areas of project strategy, competencies, organisational learning and climate change. He has consistently emphasised the importance of managing the front-end of projects and managing projects as organisational entities, using the term ‘the management of projects’ to reflect this broader focus. He was the recipient of the Project Management Institute’s (PMI’s) 2000 Research Achievement Award, the International Project Management Association’s (IPMA’s) 2009 Research Award, and the Association for Project Management’s (APM’s) 2008 Sir Monty Finniston Lifetime Achievement Award. He was chairman of APM from 1993 to 1996, and has been a vice-president since 1996. He was deputy chairman of IPMA from 1995 to 1997.

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Prior to joining UCL, Professor Morris held academic posts at the universities of Oxford and Manchester. He also worked on major projects in the Middle East, Latin America, Russia, the UK and the US as a project management consultant, and as a director of the global construction company Bovis.