

## Darryl Ahner, PhD, P.E.

Darryl Ahner, Ph.D., P.E. was named the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State University in 2023. In his role, he provides visionary leadership and strategic direction, overseeing a wide spectrum of academic, programmatic, managerial, and research activities integral to the college's mission and success.

Dr Ahner, a 1990 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, is nationally recognized in academia, government and industry for his workforce development efforts and innovations in digital engineering, test planning, and operations engineering.



Prior to his tenure at Wright State University, Dr. Ahner served as the Dean for Research at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Over his 13 years at AFIT, his roles include being the founding Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Scientific Test and Analysis Techniques in Test and Evaluation Center of Excellence for which he was awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, and Professor in the Department of Operational Sciences.

During his 22-year service in the United States Army, Dr. Ahner pursued academic excellence as a first-generation college student, earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering (Aerospace) at West Point, 2 master's degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and ultimately a doctorate in systems engineering from Boston University, as an esteemed Charles Stark Draper Laboratory Fellow-

Over his career, Ahner has garnered more than \$7.8 million in personal research funding and more than \$136 million in institutional external funding for projects, programs, and scholarships. He has written 75 technical articles, made over 100 technical presentations, and has led several technical working groups.

Dr. Ahner's awards include many military, best paper, and analysis awards in addition to receiving the International Test and Evaluation Association Allen R. Matthews 'lifetime achievement' Award.