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His early career focused on Europe with postings to the European Enlargement Unit of the Foreign Commonwealth Office and secondment to the European Commission, as part of its Delegation to the United Nations in New York. In 1997, he joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) as a member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

From 1999-2003, he served on the staff of the then Prime Minister Tony Blair, first as a Policy Adviser and then as a Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. From 2003 to 2005, he was First Secretary at the British Embassy in Rome and, subsequently, on sabbatical, Senior Policy Director with Amnesty International in London. He was Ambassador to the Holy See from 2005 to 2011, appointed under the government of Tony Blair, and then was appointed Deputy High Commissioner to Pakistan, based in Karachi. In 2013, Campbell was appointed Head of the Policy unit for the FCO and also Head of Innovation for UK Trade and Investment.

Later in his career, Campbell served as Vice Chancellor of St. Mary's University in London and also Professor of International Relations. He became the fourth Vice Chancellor of The University of Notre Dame Australia in February 2020.

More recently, Campbell was appointed a Governor of the Forrest Research Foundation, member of the Divine World University Council, member of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Board of Directors, and is the founding member of the International Council on Human Trafficking at St. Thomas University, Miami, School of Law.

Campbell has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Scholastic Philosophy from Queen's University, Belfast, a Master of Arts in European Integration from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, and a Master of Arts in International Relations from University of Pennsylvania (USA – Thoron Fellow). He also has Honorary Doctorates from six universities, the President's Medal from the Catholic University of America and he's an Honorary Fellow of St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University.

