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Description automatically generated with low confidence **Dr. Juan Martin Rodríguez Rodríguez**, **Director Ejecutivo del Prociencia**

Profesor Principal de la Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería,

Jefe del Centro de Materiales Avanzados y Nanotecnología, Investigador MONGE I, CONCYTEC.

54 publicaciones internacionales indexadas, además de revisor y editor;

3 patentes en el área de la purificación del agua.

Coordinador y evaluador de proyectos de investigación nacionales e internacionales. Asesor de 19 tesis de posgrado y de grado.

Autor de 8 capítulos de libros nacionales e internacionales. Ponente invitado en más de 50 Conferencias internacionales.

Ganador del premio CONCYTEC 2004, MERCOSUR 2006, INNOTEC 2012, etc., miembro Academia Nacional de Ciencias del Perú.

 **Charah T. Watson, PhD**

Executive Director at Scientific Research Council, Jamaica

**Dr Charah Tabetha Watson** is a multidimensional scientist, innovator and entrepreneur. At present, Dr Watson is the Executive Director of the Scientific Research Council (SRC), Jamaica’s principal agency, responsible for the fostering and coordination of scientific research and the promotion and application of its results.

Dr Watson received a Doctorate in Chemistry and Bachelor’s Degree in Food Chemistry and Pure and Applied Chemistry from the University of the West Indies, Mona. In 2012 Dr Watson was named the **SRC Young Scientist/ Technologist of the year,** and has won **Jamaica (SRC) National Innovations award three times**. In 2017, she received the prestigious recognition from the US State Department as one of the change makers in the Latin America and the Caribbean and was awarded a **Young Leader of the Americas (YLAI) fellowship**.

Dr. Watson can be described as a young and enterprising scientist who is keen on the development of Jamaica through the utilization of science, technology and innovation. She is a member of the Third World Academy of Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of Exed Community College and an Honorary lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of the West Indies.

 **Jim Chung is the Associate Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship at George Washington University**, and a Co-Principal Investigator for the [NSF Innovation Corps](https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/i-corps/nodes.jsp) Node in Washington, DC ([DC I-Corps](http://www.dcicorps.org/)).

Mr. Chung was previously the Director of the [Mtech VentureAccelerator](http://www.mtech.umd.edu/va/) and the Founding Director of the Chesapeake Bay Seed Capital Fund at the University of Maryland. Prior to Mtech, he served as a Director for New Business Development at the [Corporate Executive Board](https://www.cebglobal.com/). He was also Vice President at Cherington Capital (now Intervale Capital), a middle market private equity firm in the oildifeld equipment and services industry.

Mr. Chung started his private sector career as an early stage venture capital investor, most recently at [incTANK Ventures](http://inctank.com/), where he was the Managing Director. Some previous and current investments include Agamatrix, Nexaweb, Illterra, Zymetis (now Aemetis), FlexEI, FiscalNote, and TravelBank. Before becoming an investor, Jim was an academic researcher studying how business, government, and academia work together to create new innovations in high technology industries. He has been a researcher at MIT, Harvard, University of Tokyo (Fulbright Fellow), ETRI (NSF EAPSI Fellow), STEPI (Korea), and KAIST. He was named in 2015 by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the Top 100 Tech Titans in DC by Hot Topics as one of the Top 100 Entrepreneurship Professors worldwide.

Mr. Chung received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Stanford University and was a Ph.D. candidate at MIT.

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