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David Patton, Ph.D., has primary responsibility for the oversight of American Councils' regional offices, higher education portfolio, and development efforts. He has been an executive vice president since 2013.

Dr. Patton joined American Councils in 1994, serving as the New Independent States (NIS) regional director in Moscow. He was named the vice president for field operations in 2002, overseeing more than 50 field offices in 15 countries in Europe and Eurasia.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Patton served as deputy director of the NIS Exchanges and Training Project, a major USAID-funded program for short-term professional development for NIS citizens. He also worked as the assistant director of the Ohio State University Center for Slavic and East European Studies.

Dr. Patton also serves as the president of the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research. He has studied and worked in the NIS region and Central Europe since 1983. He completed his Ph.D. in Slavic linguistics at Ohio State University. His dissertation is on analytic development in the modern Russian language. He completed his bachelor's degree in Russian studies at the University of Oregon.