

2023 Dickson Awardee: Richard (Dick) Attiyeh

Richard Attiyeh earned his BA from Williams College, his PhD from Yale, and joined the UCSD Department of Economics in 1967 after teaching at Stanford and Yale. He had served as a staff economist on President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers. While at UCSD, he served as chair of the Department of Economics in the mid-1970s, and in 1982 was appointed as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. When that office grew and split into two separate units, he served as Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies for 12 years until his retirement in 2006. His service to the campus and the community beyond included chairing both the UCSD and the UC committees on planning and budget, serving as Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, chairing the GRE Board, chairing the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools, and leadership roles on the California Biomedical Research Association Board of Directors and the California Society for Biomedical Research. He has shown remarkable dedication to both the campus and systemwide Emeriti Associations, having served as Vice President and President of UCSD's Emeriti Association and Chair of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA). He is one of the longest-serving mentors in our Chancellor's Scholars Emeriti Mentors Program, having joined the program at its inception in 2006. As Suzan Cioffi wrote in a letter of support of his nomination for the Dickson Award, "His work has had a profound impact on the lives of countless students, colleagues, and the university community, and he embodies the values that this award seeks to celebrate."

