

2023 Dickson Awardee: Peter Cowhey

Peter Cowhey has been a prominent figure on local, national, and international political science stages for many years, and his contributions have had a significant impact on UCSD. Peter received his BSFS degree at Georgetown and his MA and PhD from Berkeley. He joined the UCSD faculty in 1976 and was appointed the Qualcomm Endowed Chair in Communications and Technology Policy in 2003. He served as Dean of the School of Global



Policy and Strategy (formerly IRPS) from 2002-21, and he held many critical roles in national policy-making organizations, including serving as Senior Counselor to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and Chief of the International Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. He was director of the UC system's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and he co-chaired President Obama's transition team for trade policy. His service ranges from membership on La Jolla Playhouse's Board to chairing the Board for the California Council on Science and Technology. As former UCSD faculty member and current Peter Wertheim Professor in Urban Policy at Harvard Gordon Hanson wrote, "Through his career as a scholar, campus leader, and government policy expert, Peter Cowhey built insights and institutions that put UC San Diego at the center of global efforts to bring rigorous science and technology into the design of sound public policy. As an emeritus faculty member, he continues this mission with equal gusto. Peter would make an outstanding recipient of the Dickson Award."