

Gene Block

Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles

Gene Block has been the Chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) since August 2007. As Chief Executive Officer, he oversees all aspects of the university's three-part mission of education, research and service. Block holds UCLA faculty appointments in psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences in the David Geffen School of Medicine and in physiological science in the College of Letters and Science. The priorities Block has set for UCLA include academic excellence, diversity, civic engagement and financial security. An advocate of interdisciplinary scholarship, he emphasizes broad-based, campus-wide planning. He recently announced an initiative to raise \$500 million over the next four years for student scholarships and fellowships.

Previously, Block served as Vice President and Provost of the University of Virginia, where he directed the National Science Foundation's Science and Technology Center for Biological Timing. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and runs a research laboratory focused on the neurobiology of biological clocks.

Block serves on multiple advisory boards, including the executive committees of the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (A·P·L·U) and the Council on Competitiveness. The inventor of a number of devices, Block holds a patent for a non-contact respiratory monitor for the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Block earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and a master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon.

