



ROGER WAKIMOTO

Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activities, UCLA

Roger Wakimoto is the Vice Chancellor for Research at UCLA. Last year, UCLA received over \$1.4B in extramural support, an increase of 40% since July 2017 when Wakimoto took on the vice chancellor role. He is an accomplished atmospheric scientist specializing in research on mesoscale meteorology, particularly severe convective storms and radar meteorology. In 2017, he returned to UCLA's Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences faculty, having previously served as a member in 1983-2005 and as its chair in 1996-2000.

After his initial tenure at UCLA, he served as the director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR - an NSF Federally Funded Research and Development Center) Earth Observing Laboratory from 2005-2010 and subsequently as director of NCAR from 2010-2013. Vice Chancellor Wakimoto was also assistant director of the National Science Foundation Directorate for Geosciences from 2013-2017; where he led a division that supported the atmospheric, geospace, polar, earth, and ocean sciences with a \$1.3 billion annual budget, and president of the American Meteorological Society from 2017-2019. He is a member of the AAU Senior Research Officers committee and is Chair-Elect for the Committee on Research at APLU.

Vice Chancellor Wakimoto received his B.S. with honors and great distinction in meteorology from San Jose State University and his Ph.D. in geophysical sciences from the University of Chicago. He previously held a professorship at both UCLA and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has received many honors, including a scientific and technical achievement award from the Environmental Protection Agency for observations of air pollution as well as the Clarence Leroy Meisinger Award from the American Meteorological Society for his contributions to understanding of mesoscale phenomena