

Biographical Summary:**Dr. Paul Alivisatos, Interim Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab**

Paul Alivisatos received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1981, and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry under the supervision of Charles Harris from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986. He was a postdoctoral fellow with Louis Brus at AT&T bell Labs. He joined the University of California, Berkeley as a faculty member in 1988, where he is presently Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science, and the [Larry and Diane Bock](#) Professor of Nanotechnology.

Alivisatos was appointed interim director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory by UC President Mark G. Yudof on January 21, 2009. Prior to becoming interim director, Alivisatos was the deputy director of Berkeley Lab (2008), serving as the lab's chief research officer, overseeing the discretionary research budget, key research initiatives and technology transfer functions. In addition, he assisted the director in developing the overall strategic direction and institutional planning for the laboratory. Alivisatos is a leader of Berkeley Lab's Helios solar research initiative, and a Scientific Director at the Molecular Foundry for the Inorganic Nanostructures Facility. Previously at LBNL he has served as Director of the Materials Sciences Division (2002-2008) and Associate Laboratory Director for Physical Sciences (2005-2008).

Alivisatos has received numerous awards including: Coblentz Award (1994); Wilson Prize (1994); Chancellor's Professor, University of California, Berkeley (1998-2001); Outstanding Young Investigator Award (1999); ACS Award in Colloid and Surface Chemistry (2004); Member, National Academy of Sciences (2004); Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2004); Rank Prize (2006); University of Chicago Distinguished Alumni Award (2006); Eni Italgas Prize for Energy and Environment (2006); Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award (2007); and the Kavli Distinguished Lectureship in Nanoscience (2008). He is the founding editor of Nano Letters, a journal of the American Chemical Society.

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