

George R. Blumenthal

Chancellor George Blumenthal has a long and distinguished history of leadership at UC Santa Cruz and the University of California.

He is widely regarded for his efforts to increase access to the University and for his commitment to diversity and sustainability.

He joined UC Santa Cruz as an assistant professor of astronomy and astrophysics in 1972. He has served as a department chair and chair of the UC Santa Cruz Academic Senate. He was named acting chancellor in 2006 and was confirmed as permanent chancellor 14 months later, on September 19, 2007.

He also served as chair of the UC system-wide Academic Senate from 2004-2005 and served on the UC Board of Regents as faculty representative from 2003 to 2005.

As a theoretical astrophysicist, his research includes the origin of structure in the universe and the role that dark matter plays in the formation and evolution of this structure. He is a co-author of the astronomy text *21st Century Astronomy*.

Chancellor Blumenthal received his bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California, San Diego.