

Chancellor Atkinson appointed to Carnegie Corporation Panel

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University of California, San Diego Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson has been named to a blue-ribbon panel created by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to assess the ways by which scientific and technological knowledge is being incorporated into federal and state government policy and decision making.

The 21-member Commission on Science, Technology, and Government is co-chaired by Joshua Lederberg, president of The Rockefeller University, and William T. Golden, president of the New York Academy of Sciences. Panelists include former President Jimmy Carter and others who have served in top government posts, as well as eminent scientists and university presidents.

Before coming to UCSD in 1980, Atkinson served for five years as director of the National Science Foundation.

"The main purpose of the commission is to seek ways in which the branches of government can encourage and use the contributions of the national scientific community," corporation president David A. Hamburg said in announcing the panel.

The commission will organize studies, issue interim reports and make final recommendations in about three years.

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