

Praise from Colleagues

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox

I am delighted to join the entire UC San Diego community, including the hundreds of scientists and graduate students worldwide, who have collaborated with him, in congratulating and saluting Roger Tsien for winning this year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Roger joins the extraordinary and prestigious ranks of Nobel Laureates at UC San Diego whose incredible scholarship is dedicated to improving the lives of people throughout the world.

University of California President Mark Yudof

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced Oct. 8 that the Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to UC San Diego professor Roger Y. Tsien for his role in helping to discover the green fluorescent protein and develop its use as a tagging tool in bioscience.

Tsien, 56, will share the \$1.4 million prize with Osamu Shimomura of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole and Boston University Medical School in Massachusetts, and with Martin Chalfie of Columbia University in New York.

Tsien, a professor of pharmacology, chemistry and biochemistry at UC San Diego and UCSD School of Medicine and Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, has dedicated his career to the development and application of fluorescent protein probes that enable scientists to monitor cellular function. He describes his life's work as "building molecules to look inside of cells, allowing us to see beyond what the human eye can see."

"We're enormously proud of Professor Roger Tsien for this incredible recognition of his work in chemistry," said UC President Mark G. Yudof. "The Nobel Prize recognizes groundbreaking research and this is another indicator of the tremendous contribution UC makes to California and the world."

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