



University Achievement Awards

California State University, Long Beach



Outstanding Professor

Dr. Chris Lowe

Biological Sciences

As a Biological Sciences professor, graduate advisor and director of the nationally renowned CSULB Shark Lab, Dr. Chris Lowe has had a major impact on students, the university, and marine biology.

Since he arrived at CSULB in 1998, Dr. Lowe has developed and taught 11 different courses ranging from lower division

non-major lecture/laboratory courses to graduate seminars. He has built an outstanding research program, averaging eight graduate and three undergraduate students in his lab each semester. Dr. Lowe has authored or co-authored 42 papers in a variety of scientific journals and published three book chapters. He has two manuscripts in review and an additional 14 manuscripts in various stages of completion. In addition, he and his students have given over a dozen presentations in the past year at national and international meetings.

Recognized nationally as a leader in his field, Dr. Lowe has served as chair of the CSU Ocean Studies Institute's diving control board and board of governors. He has been elected to numerous high-profile positions, serving on the Los Angeles-San Diego region working group, California State Marine Life Protection Act; IUCN shark specialists group, World Conservation Union; and as co-secretariat, Western Society of Naturalists. He is a member of the American Fisheries Society, the American Elasmobranch Society, the American Academy of Underwater Scientists and the Southern California Marine Institute's board of governors. Dr. Lowe was also among a team of experts who consulted on "Ocean in Google Earth," a feature of the virtual globe, Google Earth.

Dr. Lowe has served on numerous faculty committees at CSULB, including the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics' ad hoc committee for graduate support and Biological Sciences' executive committee.