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## Craig Hawker named Fellow of the American Chemical Society

Craig Hawker, director of UC Santa Barbara's [Materials Research Laboratory](#), has been made a fellow of the [American Chemical Society](#) (ACS), the world's largest scientific society.

[Hawker](#), a professor of chemistry, biochemistry, and materials, focuses on the interface between organic and polymer chemistry. He is a pioneer in the design and synthesis of functionalized macromolecules with applications in microelectronics and biotechnology, including nanoparticles designed to be deployed in the body to detect and treat cardiovascular disease.

Fellows of the ACS, "are scientific leaders, improving our lives through the transforming power of chemistry," the society's president, Joseph Francisco, said in a statement announcing the honors. "They are also consummate volunteers who contribute tirelessly to the community and the profession."

Hawker obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Cambridge in the U.K., and then did postdoctoral work in polymer chemistry at Cornell University. He spent more than a decade as a scientist at IBM before coming to UCSB in 2004.

Hawker has already been honored by the ACS as a 2009 Fellow of the society's Division of Polymeric Materials: Science and Engineering, and with the 2005 ACS Award in Applied Polymer Science. Earlier this year he was named a fellow of the U.K.'s prestigious Royal Society.

Hawker and the other 2010 ACS fellows will be honored during the society's national [meeting](#), Aug. 22-26, in Boston.