

Ken Burtis,
Dean and Professor of Genetics, College of Biological Sciences
University of California, Davis
Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology

EDUCATION

Post-doc, Stanford University, 1985-1988
PhD, Stanford University, 1985
BS, University of California, Davis, Biochemistry, 1976

EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Davis, 1988 – present. Dean
Served as chair of the [Genetics Graduate Group](#), vice chair of the Section of Molecular and Cellular Biology and associate director of the [UC Davis Genome Center](#). Before he was appointed dean of the new college, he was associate dean for undergraduate academic programs in the Division of Biological Sciences

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS

Searle Scholar, 1990-1993

Helen Hay Whitney Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1985-1988

RESEARCH INTERESTS

DNA repair in *Drosophila*; specifically, the molecular basis of interstrand crosslink repair.

Burtis is committed to the development of innovative approaches to teaching in the biological sciences. He authored a \$1.8 million grant to UC Davis from the **Howard Hughes Medical Institute**, which includes support for undergraduate teaching initiatives and has twice participated in the HHMI-sponsored National Academy of Sciences' Summer Institute on Undergraduate Education in Biology.

(Sources: <http://biosci.ucdavis.edu/about/dean.html>,
<http://sandtiger.dbs.ucdavis.edu/FacultyProfiles/MCBChromoDyn/DisplayFacultyProfile.cfm?ResearcherID=1329>)