

# **Richard K. Lyons**

**Professor | Former Dean | William & Janet Cronk Chair in Innovative Leadership at Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley**  
Berkeley, CA, US

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## **About**

Rich Lyons is a Professor of Finance at the Haas School of Business, where he served as dean from 2008 to 2018 and acting dean from 2004 to 2005. As dean, Lyons led a sweeping culture initiative that drove the school's historic strengths more deeply into admissions and other critical processes with a set of four Defining Leadership Principles: Question the Status Quo, Confidence Without Attitude, Students Always, and Beyond Yourself. He oversaw the development of Connie & Kevin Chou Hall—a new academic building funded entirely by alumni and friends—as well as attracting eight of the 10 largest gifts in school history. Lyons forged stronger ties with other UC Berkeley colleges and departments with a focus on dual degree programs combining business with STEM fields, including the new Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology program with Berkeley Engineering. In 2018, he was awarded with the Berkeley Citation, given to individuals whose contributions to UC Berkeley go beyond the call of duty and whose achievements exceed the standards of excellence in their fields. Lyons also received Berkeley's highest teaching honor in 1998.

Lyons' research and teaching are mostly in international finance, though his more recent work explores how business leadership drives innovation and the importance of culture in shaping organizations. From 2006 to 2008, he took a leave from Berkeley to serve as Goldman Sachs' Chief Learning Officer, focusing on leadership development for managing directors. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Berkeley in 1993, he was an assistant professor at Columbia Business School. He received his BS in finance from Berkeley and PhD in economics from MIT.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Financial Services, Business Services, Training and Development

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Leadership and Culture, Cryptocurrencies, Microstructure Finance, Exchange Rate Economics, International Finance

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## **Selected External Service & Affiliations**

Board: Matthews Asia Funds, Board: Syntax Funds, Board: Ashesi University Foundation, Ghana, Research Associate: National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Member: Council on Foreign Relations, Consultant: IMF, World Bank, Federal Reserve Bank, European Commission, Advisory Board, Economic Policy Review (NY Fed.)

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## **Positions Held**

## **At Haas since 1993**

2018 - present, William & Janet Cronk Chair in Innovative Leadership, Haas School of Business  
2008 – 2018, Bank of America Dean and Professor of Business, Haas School of Business  
2009 – 2016, Kruttschnitt Family Chair in Financial Institutions  
2006 – 2008, S. K. and Angela Chan Chair in Global Management  
2006 – 2008, Chief Learning Officer, Goldman Sachs  
2005 – 2008, Executive Associate Dean, Haas School of Business  
2004 – 2005, Acting Dean, Haas School of Business  
2004, Sylvan Coleman Professor of Finance  
2004, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
1993 – 2004, Professor (Associate/Assistant/Full), Haas School of Business  
1987 – 1993, Professor (Associate/Assistant), Graduate School of Business, Columbia University  
1987, Summer Intern, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington D.C.  
1985, Research Assistant, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris  
1983 – 1984, Research Analyst, Financial Industries Division, SRI International (formerly Stanford Research Institute)

## **Visiting Postions**

University of Toulouse, Toulouse, France  
Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden  
London School of Economics, London, UK  
Foundation for Advanced Information and Research (FAIR), Tokyo, Japan  
University of Aix-Marseille, Marseille, France

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## **Event Appearances**

### **Keynote Address**

GMAC Annual Conference

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## **Education**

### **MIT**

PhD Economics (International and Macro)

### **UC Berkeley**

BS Business (Finance Concentration)

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## **Honors & Awards**

### **Berkeley Citation**

Highest campus honor for individuals whose contributions to UC Berkeley go beyond the call of duty  
2018

**Sterling Schoen Award for Diversity Leadership from the Consortium**  
2018

**National Science Foundation grantee**  
1994-1997, 1997-2000, 2000-2003

**National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship**  
1984-1987

**Earl F. Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching, MFE Program**  
2003

**Earl F. Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching, MBA Program**  
1994, 2000

**Earl F. Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching, Evening MBA Program**  
1996, 1999

**Distinguished Teaching Award**  
UC Berkeley's Highest Teaching Award  
1998

**Highest Honors, UC Berkeley**  
1982

**Phi Beta Kappa**  
Member

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