Believing that one must construct a meaningful purpose for one’s life and that nothing seems more meaningful than seeking a scientific understanding of the mind, Dr. Cowan is among a very small group of cognitive and developmental psychologists who have made lasting and transformative changes in the field of child development and cognition.

Dr. Cowan has published more than 155 refereed articles and 46 book chapters, and has served as associate editor for three of the top journals in his field. He has received grant funding from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in excess of $3 million and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree at the University of Helsinki, one of the top-rated research universities in Europe.

As one nominator writes of Dr. Cowan, “He helps remind us that research is actually quite fun and that our work can have a positive impact on education, health and society in general.”