

# Ellen Ochoa

Ellen Ochoa received her Bachelor of Science degree in physics from San Diego State University, and a Master of Science degree and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman in space when she served on a nine-day mission aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1993. Ochoa is a co-inventor on three patents for an optical inspection system, an optical object recognition method, and a method for noise removal in images. She is currently Deputy Director of Flight Crew Operations.

