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An engineer and an astronaut, Ellen Ochoa received a B.S. in physics from San Diego University in 1980, a M.S. and Ph.D in electrical engineering from Stanford University in 1981 and 1985. She was the first Hispanic woman to go to space in 1993 aboard the shuttle, Discovery. A veteran of four space flights, Ochoa has logged nearly 1,000 hours in space over the course of her career.