

William F. Hamilton

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He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering and an M.B.A. degree in Management from the University of Pennsylvania. Following several years of industrial experience as a research engineer and production planner, he studied at the London School of Economics as a Thouron Exchange Scholar where he earned his Ph.D. in Applied Economics.

Dr. Hamilton joined the faculty of the Wharton School in 1967. He has taught and conducted research in the areas of strategic management, technological innovation and entrepreneurship, decision analysis and corporate planning and policy. He has also received a number of teaching awards, including the Wharton School Anvil Award for Teaching Excellence, the University's Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, Wharton's Hauck Award for Outstanding Teaching and Wharton's Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Dr. Hamilton has also directed research programs in the fields of technological innovation, strategic planning, economic analysis, and technology management. As a co-founder and Director of Research, and later as Associate Director of Penn's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, he led development of the interdisciplinary research program which was selected in nationwide competition as the National Center for Management Research in the health field. Dr. Hamilton was also a co-founder of Wharton's Department of Decision Sciences (now Operations and Information Management) and played an active role in creating Wharton's Program in Emerging Technologies, The Executive Masters Program in Technology Management in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the University's Weiss Tech House.

In 1974, Dr. Hamilton was named a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. In this capacity he was involved in programs of economic policy, rail system reorganization, and regulatory reform. He received the Secretary's Award in 1975 for his contributions to the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Hamilton has lectured and published in the fields of technology management, corporate strategy and planning, technological innovation, systems analysis, and health economics. He has also been an active consultant and has served as a director of a number of public and private companies, including firms involved in biotechnology/life sciences, telecommunications, and information/internet technologies.