



After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1987, Sunita Williams entered aviator training and became a helicopter pilot. After participating in numerous missions and deployments, Williams was sent to and graduated from Navy Test Pilot School in 1993. She then participated in numerous aircraft evaluation assignments. During this time she also received a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1995.

Williams was selected to be a NASA Mission Specialist in 1998. In 2006, she began a 192 day mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS) during Expedition 14/15. On this mission she both launched and returned aboard a Space Shuttle (Missions STS-116 and STS-117, respectively). She returned to the ISS for Expedition 32/33 in 2012, this time launch and returning on the Russian Soyuz vehicle.

Williams has spent a total 321 days in Space. She has performed 6 Extra-Vehicular Activities (EVA's or "Spacewalks"). She is currently working on NASA's Commercial Crew Program, she liaisons with Boeing and SpaceX.