

William R. Hamel
Professor and Department Head
Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering



Dr. William R. Hamel has been named **Head of the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering** at the University of Tennessee's College of Engineering. Hamel previously served as interim head and has been a professor in the department since 1993.

Prior to joining the UT faculty, Hamel had a 25-year career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducting research and development in the Robotics and Process Systems Division and the Instrumentation and Controls Division.

Throughout his tenure, Hamel has received many honors and awards including the Allen & Hoshall Faculty Award, Moses E. and Mayme Brooks Distinguished Professor Award and B. Ray Thompson Sr. Professorship Award. In 1999, he was elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for his contributions to robotics and remote handling.

Hamel earned his B.S. from West Virginia University, his M.S. from Oklahoma State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. He is also a graduate of the Executive Development Program of the Johnson Graduate School of Business, Cornell University.

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