

## Katharine Ku



Katharine Ku is Executive Director of the Office of Technology Licensing (OTL) at Stanford University. OTL is responsible for the licensing of various state-of-the-art university technologies and industry sponsored research agreements, material transfer agreements and collaborations. In FY2015, Stanford received \$95M in gross royalty revenue from licensed technologies.

From 1994-98, in addition to her OTL responsibilities, Ku was responsible for Stanford's pre-award Sponsored Projects Office. Ku was Vice President, Business Development at Protein Design Labs, Inc. in Mountain View, California from 1990-1991. Prior to PDL, Ku spent 12 years at Stanford in various positions, worked at Monsanto and Sigma Chemical as a research scientist, administered a dialysis clinical trial at University of California, and taught chemistry and basic engineering courses.

Ku has been active in the Licensing Executive Society (LES), serving as Vice President, Western Region and Trustee of LES, IP100 Advisory Board and various committee chairs. She also has served as President of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) from 1988-90. She received the AUTM 2001 Bayh-Dole Award for her efforts in university licensing. In 1999, Stanford OTL received the Licensing Executives Society Achievement Award for licensing, the Society's most prestigious award. Ku was a committee member of the NAS study entitled [Management of University Intellectual Property: Lessons from a Generation of Experience, Research, and Dialogue](#). She also served on the Board of Governors for the Certified Licensing Professionals, Inc. (CLP) and the BIO Board. She is currently a member of the NIH Advisory Committee to the Deputy Director of Intramural Research. She recently joined the Biomedical Engineering Society's Industry Advisory Board.

Ku has a B.S. Chemical Engineering (Cornell University), an M.S. in Chemical Engineering (Washington University in St. Louis) and is a registered patent agent.