



HAROLD AMOS



Harold Amos was an African American microbiologist that studied bacterial metabolism and virology (the study of viruses). In 1952, Amos was the first African American to earn a doctoral degree from the Division of Medical Sciences at Harvard Medical School. He was also the first African American to chair a department, which is now the Department of Microbiology and Immunobiology at Harvard Medical School. Amos' interest in microbiology started at a young age from reading a biography of Louis Pasteur.

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