

Nobel Women of Science

Next month, the Nobel Prizes for 2021 will be announced. Here we look at women who have received the Nobel Prize in physics, chemistry and physiology or medicine. For a closer look at recent advances in optics based on the 2020 Chemistry Nobel winners' research, see this month's cover story (p. 24).

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NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS



2020: Andrea Ghez
Discovery of a super-massive compact object at the centre of our galaxy



2018: Donna Strickland: Practical implementation of chirped-pulse amplification



1963: Maria Goeppert Mayer: Discoveries concerning nuclear shell structure



1903: Marie Curie (née Skłodowska): Research on radiation phenomena discovered by Henri Becquerel

First woman to win a Nobel Prize and only person to win in two scientific fields

NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE



2015: Tu Youyou: Discoveries concerning a novel therapy against malaria



2014: May-Britt Moser: Discoveries of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain



2009: Elizabeth H. Blackburn and Carol W. Greider: Discovery of how chromosomes are protected by telomeres and the enzyme telomerase



2008: Françoise Barré-Sinoussi: Discovery of human immunodeficiency virus



2004: Linda B. Buck: Discoveries of odorant receptors and the organization of the olfactory system



1995: Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard: Discoveries concerning the genetic control of early embryonic development



1988: Gertrude B. Elion: Discoveries of important principles for drug treatment



1986: Rita Levi-Montalcini: Discoveries of growth factors



1983: Barbara McClintock: Discovery of mobile genetic elements



1977: Rosalyn Yalow: Development of radioimmunoassays of peptide hormones



1947: Gerty Theresa Cori (née Radnitz): Discovery of the course of the catalytic conversion of glycogen

NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY



2020: Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna: Development of a method for genome editing



2018: Frances H. Arnold: Pioneering the use of directed evolution to engineer enzymes



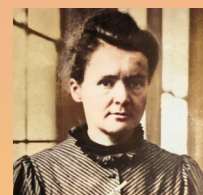
2009: Ada E. Yonath: Studies of the structure and function of the ribosome



1964: Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin: Determination of the structure of vitamin B12 and penicillin



1935: Irène Joliot-Curie: Recognition of the synthesis of new radioactive elements



1911: Marie Curie (née Skłodowska): Discovery of the elements radium and polonium