

List Of Nobel Prize Winners 2020

The Nobel Prize is awarded for outstanding work in the fields of physics, chemistry, literature, peace, physiology or medicine and economics. The table below highlights the Nobel Laureates who were conferred with the prestigious title in the year 2020.

Winners of Nobel Prize 2020		
Fields	Nobel Laureates 2020	Contribution made by the Nobel Laureates
Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology	Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice	Discovery of Hepatitis C virus
Nobel Prize in Physics	Roger Penrose	For the discovery of the black hole formation which is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity
	Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez	For discovering supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy
Nobel Prize in Chemistry	Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna	On discovering the method for genome editing and development of Crispr-Cas9
Nobel Prize in Literature	Louise Gluck	For her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal
Nobel Peace Prize	World Food Programme (WFP)	For its efforts to combat surge in Global hunger amidst coronavirus pandemic, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.
Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences	Paul R. Milgrom, Robert B. Wilson	For improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats.

Background of Nobel Prize

- 1. The Nobel Prize award was first conferred in 1901. It is given in the name of Alfred Nobel who was a Swedish inventor.
- 2. The season for Nobel Prize begins in October every year.
- 3. The Nobel Prize is awarded yearly to the individuals or organizations who do an extraordinary work in the field of Physics, chemistry, literature, peace, physiology or medicine and Economics.
- 4. All the Nobel Prizes are given at Stockholm, Sweden except for the Nobel Peace Prize which is awarded at Oslo, Norway.
- 5. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine field is awarded by the Karolinska Institute. While in Physics, Chemistry and economics the prize is awarded by Royal Swedish academy of science.



- 6. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded by Norwegian Nobel Committee. In Literature, the Swedish Academy grants the Nobel Prize while the Sveriges Riksbank prize is given in the field of Economic Sciences.
- 7. Three people at maximum can share a Nobel Prize.
- 8. Between 1901 and 2020, the Nobel Prizes and the Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 603 times to 962 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, thus making a total of 930 individuals and 25 organizations.

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Nobel Prize Winners 2019 Highlights

The Nobel Laureates of 2019 are as follows -

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Nobel Prize in Physics-

- James Peebles "for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology"
- Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz "for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star"

Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences-

 Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer "for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty"

Nobel Prize in Chemistry -

 John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino "for the development of lithium-ion batteries"

Nobel Prize in Medicine -

• William G. Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza "for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability"

Nobel Peace Prize -

 Abiy Ahmed Ali "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and in particular for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea"

Nobel Prize in Literature -

 Peter Handke "for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience"

Facts of Nobel Prize

- 1. The first woman to receive a Nobel Prize is Marie Curie in Physics.
- 2. Rabindranath Tagore was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize. He got the prize for literature and was the first Asian to be awarded the Nobel Prize.
- 3. C V Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics.



- 4. Mother Theresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 5. Amartya Sen was honoured with Nobel Prize in Economics
- 6. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan received Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- 7. Har Gobind Khorana received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

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