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### Aletta Jacob Prize laureates 1990 - present

Since 1990, the University of Groningen awards a biannual prize to women who have distinguished themselves in the field of emancipation.

The prize aims to profile women who serve as an example to others.

dr. Marga Bruyn-Hundt	1990	Senior Lecturer at the University of Amsterdam: for her great academic and social commitment to promoting the economic independence of women. Passed away in 1998.
prof.dr. Geertje Lycklama à Nijeholt	1992	Dean of the Institute for Social Studies: for her academic and strategic insights and her commitment in the field of women and development, both at home and abroad. Passed away in 2014.
drs. Liesbeth Brandt Corstius	1994	Director of the Arnhem Museum of Modern Art and art historian: for her great commitment to improving the position of women artists and women in the art world. Passed away in 2022
prof. mr. Jenny Goldschmidt	1996	Professor of Women's Studies at Leiden University and Utrecht University and chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Committee: for her great academic and social commitment in the field of equal opportunities and human rights, especially women and law.
dr. Gunilla Kleiverda	1998	Gynaecologist at the Flevo Hospital in Almere: for her great commitment to healthcare for women, especially in the fight against sexual violence against women.
dr. Hilda Verwey-Jonker	2000	Former member of the Upper House of Parliament: for her contribution towards the field of twentieth-century emancipation. Passed away in 2004.
drs. Hedy d'Ancona	2002	Politician: for her significant contribution to the emancipation of women at home and abroad.
mr. Gabi van Driem	2004	Feminist Lawyer: for her significant contribution to the emancipation of women.
prof. Riek Bakker	2006	Urban planner: for her exemplary role in a field that is traditionally not occupied by women.
mr. Lilian Gonçalves-Ho Kang You	2008	Lawyer: for her strong and broad social involvement and her commitment to human rights, particularly women's rights.

drs. Neelie Kroes	2010	European Commissioner for Digital Agenda: for the major social impact of her work and the clear exemplary role she plays in positions that are sometimes unique and often powerful.
dr. Els Borst-Eilers	2012	Former Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport: for the humanity and nuance with which she addressed medical-ethical issues in the public debate in a ground-breaking way and for what she achieved by doing so. Passed away in 2014.
dr. Noeleen Heyzer	2014	Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP): in recognition of her efforts to advance the status of women and improve the living conditions of people in vulnerable situations around the world.
drs. Petra Stienen	2016	Politician, arabist and publicist: on account of her ability to ensure that women's voices are heard loudly and clearly, both in and out- side the Netherlands. She creates room for 'the other voice' of women and men in the Dutch and Arab worlds.
drs. Lilianne Ploumen	2018	Politician: for her commitment to and successful endeavours for the rights of women and girls all over the world.
drs. Khadija Arib	2020	Politician: for her inspiring exemplary role as President of the House of Representatives and for the way in which she highlighted the celebration of 100 years of suffrage as a celebration of universal suffrage for both men and women.
dr. Rebecca Gomperts	2022	Physician and activist for women's rights, particularly abortion rights. Founder of Women on Waves and Women on Web: for her impressive advocacy for abortion rights and access to safe and legal abortion for women worldwide.
	2024	Due to circumstances, there was no awards ceremony in 2024.
Elanor Boekholt-O'Sullivan	2026	The first female lieutenant general in the Dutch Armed Forces and a minister, in recognition of her tireless commitment and courageous dedication to fostering a culture of inclusivity and safety for women within the Ministry of Defence, and her efforts to involve women in peace processes.