

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award recognizes and encourages the mentoring of junior staff in the statistical community in federal, state, or local government. It is awarded annually to a supervisor, technical director, team coordinator, or other statistical staff member who is nominated by a supervisor or co-workers for his or her efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of junior staff.

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award was established to honor Dr. Griffith, who died in August 2001, after working for more than 25 years in the federal statistical system. Throughout her career, and especially in her latter senior management positions at the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Science Foundation, one of Jeanne's highest priorities was to mentor and encourage younger staff at all levels to learn, to grow, and to recognize and seize career opportunities as they came along.

The award recipient will be selected for his or her efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of junior staff. Preference will be given to nominees with a track record of mentoring government statisticians. Examples of typical mentoring activities include:

- Advising junior staff to help them create career opportunities, networking skills, and contacts for growth and development;
- Counseling junior staff and providing resources to help develop their technical writing, analysis, presentation, and organizational skills and knowledge;
- Encouraging the growth and career development of junior staff through attendance and oral presentations at meetings with higher level officials, staff of other agencies, professional associations, training courses, and conferences;
- Motivating junior staff and building self-confidence by providing feedback, being a listener when that is needed, and creating a caring and supportive environment;
- Serving as a role model for junior staff through professional expertise, information and insights, balancing collegial and personal roles, and including everyone regardless of rank, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or seniority.

Nominations for the 2023 Award are now being accepted. The nomination form and guidelines are available from the Government Statistics Section and the Social Statistics Section websites (see <http://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/home>)

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY April 30, 2023, and the Award Committee will determine the award winner by end of June. The award will consist of a \$1,000 honorarium, a citation, and a plaque, which will be presented at a ceremony arranged by the co-sponsors.

The nomination package must be mailed or emailed **no later than April 30, 2023**, to:

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Committee
c/o The American Statistical Association
732 N. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1943

Email: rick@amstat.org

If you have questions about the award, please contact **Rick Peterson** at rick@amstat.org or (703) 684-1221, or the chair of the Award Committee: **Raji Sundaram** at sundaramr2@mail.nih.gov.

Previous recipients of the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award

- 2004 - Beth A Kilss (Internal Revenue Service)
- 2005 - Renee Miller (Energy Information Administration)
- 2006 - Martin O'Connell (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2007 - Stephanie Shipp (National Institute for Standards and Technology)
- 2008 - Rosemary Marcuss (Bureau of Economic Analysis)
- 2009 - Kevin Cecco (Internal Revenue Service) and Lillian Lin (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- 2010 - Deborah H. Griffin (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2011 - Jenise L. Swall (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- 2012 - William P. Mockovak (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- 2013 - Brian Harris-Kojetin (Office of Management and Budget)
- 2014 - J. Gregory Robinson (U.S. Census Bureau) and Kenneth C. Schoendorf (National Center for Health Statistics)
- 2015 - Aldo "Skip" Vecchia (U.S. Geological Survey)
- 2016 - Diane K. Willimack (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2017 - Cynthia Ogden (National Center for Health Statistics)
- 2018 - Howard Hogan (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2018 - Carol Gotway Crawford (U.S. Government Accountability Office)
- 2019 - Sharon Boivin (National Center for Education Statistics)
- 2020 - Rajeshwari Sundaram (National Institutes of Health)
- 2021 Carol V Caldwell (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2022 Barry Graubard and Monserrat Garcia-Closas (National Cancer Institute)

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The Government Statistics Section (GSS) of the American Statistical Association manages the award. GSS would like to thank our co-sponsors:

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- Government Statistics Section, ASA
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- Social Statistics Section, ASA
- Washington Statistical Society, ASA
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GSS also thanks the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy for its support and championing of this award.

Please contact Bill Mockovak at Bmockovak@msn.com, if your organization would like to co-sponsor the award.

Nominations should be prepared in the form of a letter or memorandum for the Award Selection Committee. Place a copy of the nomination form (including the “Guidelines” page) at the top of the application package.

The letter or memorandum should summarize the nominee’s actions that support and encourage junior statistical staff in the federal, state, or local statistical community in developing their careers. **Nominations should be accompanied by at least two but not more than six supporting letters.** These letters should be attached to, and submitted with, the nomination.

The Award Selection Committee finds that descriptions of what nominees actually do are the strongest demonstration of candidate mentoring. Here are some examples: the mentor is a source of advice...counsels with long-term goals in mind...thought I was well qualified even though I had some doubts...encourages staff to seek out positions that will increase their visibility and stretch their professional capabilities. These are more explicit and unique to the mentor and the nominator than generic statements such as: the mentor is a coach...a teacher.

Photocopies and email copies of support letters are acceptable.

List the name of the nominator on Line 0. List the names of writers of support letters on Lines 1-6.

List Affiliation/Email Address Below

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