

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 2026 award are now being accepted. Please find attached the nomination form with guidelines. Details regarding the award are also available from the Government Statistics Section website ([Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award - Government Statistics Section](#))

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 30, 2026, and the Award Committee will determine the award winner by the 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 MAY 30, 2026**, to:

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

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If you have questions about the award, please contact **Moira Skelley** at moira@amstat.org or (703) 302-1842, or the chair of the Award Committee: **Raji Sundaram** at sundaramr2@mail.nih.gov.

Previous recipients of the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award

2003 - Richard D. Allen, National Agricultural Statistics Service	2015 - Aldo "Skip" Vecchia, U.S. Geological Survey
2004 - Beth A Kilss, Internal Revenue Service	2016 - Diane K. Willimack, U.S. Census Bureau
2005 - Renee Miller, Energy Information Administration	2017 - Cynthia Ogden, National Center for Health Statistics
2006 - Martin O'Connell, U.S. Census Bureau	2018 - Howard Hogan, U.S. Census Bureau
2007 - Stephanie Shipp, National Institute for Standards and Technology	2018 - Carol Gotway Crawford, U.S. Government Accountability Office
2008 - Rosemary Marcuss, Bureau of Economic Analysis	2019 - Sharon Boivin, National Center for Education Statistics
2009 - Kevin Cecco, Internal Revenue Service and Lillian Lin, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	2020 - Rajeshwari Sundaram, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
2010 - Deborah H. Griffin, U.S. Census Bureau	2021- Carol V Caldwell, U.S. Census Bureau
2011 - Jenise L. Swall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	2022 - Barry Graubard and Monserrat Garcia-Closas, National Cancer Institute, NIH, HHS
2012 - William P. Mockovak, Bureau of Labor Statistics	2023 None awarded
2013 - Brian Harris-Kojetin, Office of Management and Budget	2024– Nancy L. Geller, National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute, NIH and Clarice R. Weinberg, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH
2014 - J. Gregory Robinson, U.S. Census Bureau and Kenneth C. Schoendorf, National Center for Health Statistics	2025- Yang Cheng, National Agricultural Statistics Service

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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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- Interagency Council on Statistical Policy
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Please contact Anna Nevius (nevius@comcast.net), if your organization would like to co-sponsor the award.