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Lois Jovanovic Transformative Woman in Diabetes Award

The Lois Jovanovic Transformative Woman in Diabetes Award is given in memory of Lois Jovanovic, MD, a renowned scientist in the field of diabetes and women's health. Dr. Jovanovic, who lived with type 1 diabetes herself, drove research that improved neonatal outcomes for other women affected by the disease, and was an iconic woman scientist in the field. Presented by the Women's Interprofessional Network of the American Diabetes Association (WIN ADA), the Lois Jovanovic Transformative Woman in Diabetes Award recognizes a woman scientist, clinician, educator, or other female professional who has made a significant impact in the field of diabetes and/or in the lives of people affected by the disease.

Criteria for Selection:

- Principal criteria: To recognize a female professional in the diabetes field who has made outstanding contributions to diabetes research, clinical practice, diabetes education, public health, and/or other related disciplines.
- Nominees will be recognized for national and/or international contributions to the field of diabetes.
- There are no specific degree requirements.
- Both U.S. and non-U.S. residents are eligible.
- Nominee must be an active professional member of the American Diabetes Association. Nominees' contributions to the American Diabetes Association as well as to the broader diabetes community may also be taken into consideration.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees may not be current ADA national officers (ADA President of Medicine & Science or/and President of Health Care & Education) or have held one of these national officer positions within the past three years.
- Nominees may not be current members of the WIN ADA Advisory Group or serve on the ADA's Medicine, Science, & Health Care Awards Committee.

Award Components:

- The recipient will be acknowledged with a certificate during the WIN ADA Networking Reception at the 86th Scientific Sessions (June 5 to 8, 2026) in New Orleans, LA.
- The recipient will be provided the opportunity to give remarks during the WIN ADA Networking Reception.

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- The recipient will receive one complimentary registration to Scientific Sessions.
- The recipient will receive recognition on national ADA channels.

Nomination/Submission Process:

- 2026 nominations must be submitted at the electronic nomination form at http://my.diabetes.org/awardapplications. In order to submit a nomination, you must log into your DiabetesPro account with an email username and password.
- You must upload all award components as one .pdf document in the submission portal. Submissions must be received on or before 8:00 p.m. ET on **September 19, 2025**.
- Nominations are accepted from professional members as well as non-members of the American Diabetes Association.
- Nominations from the membership of WIN ADA are encouraged and will be solicited.
- Individuals may self-nominate or nominate others for this award.

All Lois Jovanovic Transformative Woman in Diabetes Award nominations must have the following documents uploaded:

- Letter of nomination or nominee's biography of no more than 400 words.
- Nominee's biography
- Nominee's curriculum vitae with career, teaching, mentorship, and/or publication highlights (if applicable).

Award Recipient Selection Process:

- The award recipient will be chosen by the WIN ADA Advisory Group. The selection committee will review and discuss all nominations and select the recipient on the basis of outstanding achievements in diabetes care, research, education, or related disciplines.
- The award winner is approved by the National Scientific & Health Care Achievement Awards Committee and by the Executive Committee of the American Diabetes

Questions? Please email interestgroups@diabetes.org.

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Past Recipients:

2025 – Jill Weissberg-Benchell, PhD, CDCES
2024 – Francine R. Kaufman, MD
2023 – Ann Albright, PhD, RDN
2022 – Maureen Gannon, PhD
2021– Linda M. Siminerio, RN, PhD, CDCES
2020 – Judith E. Fradkin, MD
2019 – Elizabeth R. Seaquist, MD