

The Fair List

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Ah! Questions! Questions!

Do you happen know who the ten women named below are?

Where are they from?

What connection binds them?

Marie Curie

Irene Joliot-Curie

Maria Goeppert-Mayer

Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin

Rita Levi Montalcini

Shirin Ebadi

Elinor Ostrom

Ellen Johnson SirLeaf

Alice Munro

Malala Yousafzai

So, answers answers!

As of 2011, so says dear old Wikipedia, Nobel Prizes had been awarded to 803 men, 44 women, and 22 organisations. The first woman to win a Nobel Prize was [Marie Curie](#), who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 with her husband, [Pierre Curie](#), and with [Henri Becquerel](#). Curie is also the only woman to have won multiple Nobel Prizes; in 1911, she won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Curie's daughter, [Irène Joliot-Curie](#), won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1935, making the two the only mother-daughter pair to have won Nobel Prizes.¹ Fifteen women had won the Nobel Peace Prize, thirteen the Nobel Prize in Literature, ten the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, four the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, two have won the Nobel Prize in Physics and one, [Elinor Ostrom](#), has won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.¹ The most Nobel Prizes awarded to women in a single year was in 2009, when five women became laureates. The most recent women to be awarded a Nobel Prize were [May-Britt Moser](#) (Norway Physiology/Medicine), and [Malala Yousafzai](#) (see below).

Marie Curie Poland/France (as above)

Irene Joliot-Curie/France (as above)

Maria Goeppert-Mayer/USA 1963 Physics

Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin/UK 1964 Chemistry

Rita Levi Montalcini/Italy 1986 Physiology/Medicine

Shirin Ebadi/Iran 2003 Peace

Elinor Ostrom/USA 2009 Economics

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf/Liberia 2011 Peace

Alice Munro/Canada 2013 Literature

Malala Yousafzai/Pakistan 2014 Peace