



## The Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is the highest award in the Society's gift, often awarded in recognition of a lifetime's work.

| Year | Astronomy                            | Geophysics                           |
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| 2024 | <a href="#">Gilles Chabrier</a>      | <a href="#">John-Michael Kendall</a> |
| 2023 | <a href="#">John Peacock</a>         | <a href="#">Timothy N. Palmer</a>    |
| 2022 | <a href="#">George P. Efstathiou</a> | <a href="#">Richard B. Horne</a>     |
| 2021 | <a href="#">Jocelyn Bell Burnell</a> | <a href="#">Thorne Lay</a>           |
| 2020 | <a href="#">Sandra Moore Faber</a>   | <a href="#">Yvonne Elsworth</a>      |
| 2019 | <a href="#">Robert Kennicutt</a>     | <a href="#">Margaret Kivelson</a>    |
| 2018 | <a href="#">James Hough</a>          | <a href="#">Robert White</a>         |
| 2017 | <a href="#">Nick Kaiser</a>          | <a href="#">Michele Dougherty</a>    |
| 2016 | <a href="#">John D. Barrow</a>       | <a href="#">Philip England</a>       |
| 2015 | <a href="#">Michel Mayor</a>         | <a href="#">Mike Lockwood</a>        |
| 2014 | <a href="#">Carlos Frenk</a>         | <a href="#">John Zarecki</a>         |
| 2013 | <a href="#">Roger Blandford</a>      | <a href="#">Chris Chapman</a>        |
| 2012 | <a href="#">Andrew Fabian</a>        | <a href="#">John Brown</a>           |
| 2011 | <a href="#">Richard Ellis</a>        | <a href="#">Eberhard Grün</a>        |
| 2010 | <a href="#">Douglas Gough</a>        | <a href="#">John Woodhouse</a>       |
| 2009 | <a href="#">David A. Williams</a>    | <a href="#">Eric Priest</a>          |
| 2008 | <a href="#">Joseph Silk</a>          | <a href="#">Brian Kennett</a>        |

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| 2007 | <a href="#">John L. Culhane</a>                           | <a href="#">Nigel O. Weiss</a>        |
| 2006 | <a href="#">Simon White</a>                               | <a href="#">Stan Cowley</a>           |
| 2005 | <a href="#">Margaret Burbidge &amp; Geoffrey Burbidge</a> | <a href="#">Carole Jordan</a>         |
| 2004 | <a href="#">Jeremiah P. Ostriker</a>                      | <a href="#">Grenville Turner</a>      |
| 2003 | <a href="#">John Bahcall</a>                              | <a href="#">David Gubbins</a>         |
| 2002 | <a href="#">Leon Mestel</a>                               | <a href="#">John Arthur Jacobs</a>    |
| 2001 | <a href="#">Hermann Bondi</a>                             | <a href="#">Henry Rishbeth</a>        |
| 2000 | <a href="#">Leon Lucy</a>                                 | <a href="#">Robert Hutchison</a>      |
| 1999 | <a href="#">Bohdan Paczynski</a>                          | <a href="#">Kenneth Budden</a>        |
| 1998 | <a href="#">James Peebles</a>                             | <a href="#">Robert L. Parker</a>      |
| 1997 | <a href="#">Donald Osterbrock</a>                         | <a href="#">Donald Farley</a>         |
| 1996 | <a href="#">Vera Rubin</a>                                | <a href="#">Kenneth Creer</a>         |
| 1995 | <a href="#">Rashid Sunyaev</a>                            | <a href="#">John T. Houghton</a>      |
| 1994 | James E. Gunn   | <a href="#">Thomas R. Kaiser</a>      |
| 1993 | <a href="#">Donald Lynden- Bell</a>                       | <a href="#">Peter Goldreich</a>       |
| 1992 | <a href="#">Eugene N. Parker</a>                          | <a href="#">Dan P. McKenzie</a>       |
| 1991 | <a href="#">Vitaly Ginzburg</a>                           | <a href="#">Gerald J. Wasserburg</a>  |
| 1990 | <a href="#">Bernard Ephraim Julius Pagel</a>              | <a href="#">James W. Dungey</a>       |
| 1989 | <a href="#">Ken Pounds</a>                                | <a href="#">Raymond Hide</a>          |
| 1988 | <a href="#">Cornelis de Jager</a>                         | <a href="#">Don L. Anderson</a>       |
| 1987 | <a href="#">Martin J. Rees</a>                            | <a href="#">Takesi Nagata</a>         |
| 1986 | <a href="#">Alexander Dalgarno</a>                        | <a href="#">George E. Backus</a>      |
| 1985 | <a href="#">Stephen Hawking</a>                           | <a href="#">Thomas Gold</a>           |
| 1984 | <a href="#">Yakov Borisovich Zel'dovich</a>               | <a href="#">Stanley Keith Runcorn</a> |
| 1983 | <a href="#">Michael John Seaton</a>                       | <a href="#">Fred Whipple</a>          |
| 1982 | <a href="#">Riccardo Giacconi</a>                         | <a href="#">Harrie Massey</a>         |

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| 1981 | <a href="#">Bernard Lovell</a>               | <a href="#">James Freeman Gilbert</a>          |
| 1980 | Maarten Schmidt                              | <a href="#">Chaim L. Pekeris</a>               |
| 1979 | <a href="#">Charles Gorrie Wynne</a>         | <a href="#">Leon Knopoff</a>                   |
| 1978 | <a href="#">Lyman Spitzer</a>                | James Van Allen                                |
| 1977 | <a href="#">John Gatenby Bolton</a>          | <a href="#">David Robert Bates</a>             |
| 1976 | <a href="#">William H. McCrea</a>            | <a href="#">John Ashworth Ratcliffe</a>        |
| 1975 | <a href="#">Jesse Greenstein</a>             | <a href="#">Ernst Öpik</a>                     |
| 1974 | <a href="#">Ludwig Biermann</a>              | <a href="#">Keith Edward Bullen</a>            |
| 1973 | <a href="#">Edwin Salpeter</a>               | <a href="#">Francis Birch</a>                  |
| 1972 | <a href="#">Fritz Zwicky</a>                 | <a href="#">Henry Ivison Shipley Thirlaway</a> |
| 1971 | <a href="#">Richard van der Riet Woolley</a> | <a href="#">Frank Press</a>                    |
| 1970 | <a href="#">Horace W. Babcock</a>            |  |
| 1969 | <a href="#">Martin Schwarzschild</a>         | <a href="#">Albert Thomas Price</a>            |
| 1968 | <a href="#">Sir Fred Hoyle</a>               | <a href="#">Walter Munk</a>                    |
| 1967 | <a href="#">Allan R. Sandage</a>             | <a href="#">Hannes Alfvén</a>                  |
| 1966 | <a href="#">Ira Sprague Bowen</a>            | <a href="#">Harold Clayton Urey</a>            |
| 1965 | <a href="#">Gerald Maurice Clemence</a>      | <a href="#">Edward Bullard</a>                 |
| 1964 | <a href="#">Martin Ryle</a>                  | <a href="#">Maurice Ewing</a>                  |
| 1963 |  | <a href="#">Harry Hemley Plaskett</a>          |

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| 1962 | <a href="#">Bengt Strömberg</a>            |                                       |
| 1961 | <a href="#">Herman Zanstra</a>             |                                       |
| 1960 | <a href="#">Viktor Ambartsumian</a>        |                                       |
| 1959 | <a href="#">Raymond Arthur Lyttleton</a>   |                                       |
| 1958 |  | <a href="#">André Danjon</a>          |
| 1957 | <a href="#">Albrecht Unsöld</a>            |                                       |
| 1956 |  | <a href="#">Thomas George Cowling</a> |
| 1955 | <a href="#">Dirk Brouwer</a>               |                                       |
| 1954 | <a href="#">Walter Baade</a>               |                                       |
| 1953 | <a href="#">Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar</a> |                                       |
| 1952 | <a href="#">John Jackson</a>               |                                       |
| 1951 | <a href="#">Antonie Pannekoek</a>          |                                       |
| 1950 | <a href="#">Joel Stebbins</a>              |                                       |
| 1949 |  | <a href="#">Sydney Chapman</a>        |
| 1948 | <a href="#">Bertil Lindblad</a>            |                                       |
| 1947 |  | <a href="#">Marcel G. J. Minnaert</a> |
| 1946 | <a href="#">Jan Hendrik Oort</a>           |                                       |
| 1945 |  | <a href="#">Bengt Edlén</a>           |
| 1944 | <a href="#">Otto Struve</a>                |                                       |
| 1943 |  | <a href="#">Harold Spencer Jones</a>  |
| 1940 | <a href="#">Edwin P. Hubble</a>            |                                       |
| 1939 |  | <a href="#">Bernard Lyot</a>          |
| 1938 | <a href="#">William Hammond Wright</a>     |                                       |
| 1937 |  | <a href="#">Harold Jeffreys</a>       |

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| 1936 |                                       | <a href="#">Hisashi Kimura</a>             |
| 1935 | <a href="#">Edward Arthur Milne</a>   |  |
| 1934 | <a href="#">Harlow Shapley</a>        |  |
| 1933 | <a href="#">Vesto Slipher</a>         |  |
| 1932 | <a href="#">Robert Grant Aitken</a>   |  |
| 1931 | <a href="#">Willem de Sitter</a>      |  |
| 1930 | <a href="#">John Stanley Plaskett</a> |  |
| 1929 | <a href="#">Einar Hertzsprung</a>     |  |
| 1928 |                                       | <a href="#">Ralph Allen Sampson</a>        |
| 1927 | <a href="#">Frank Schlesinger</a>     |  |
| 1926 | <a href="#">Albert Einstein</a>       |  |
| 1925 |                                       | <a href="#">Frank Watson Dyson</a>         |
| 1924 | <a href="#">Arthur Eddington</a>      |  |
| 1923 | <a href="#">Albert A. Michelson</a>   |  |
| 1922 | <a href="#">James Hopwood Jeans</a>   |  |
| 1921 | <a href="#">Henry Norris Russell</a>  |  |
| 1919 | <a href="#">Guillaume Bigourdan</a>   |  |
| 1918 |                                       | <a href="#">John Evershed</a>              |
| 1917 | <a href="#">Walter Sydney Adams</a>   |  |
| 1916 | <a href="#">John L. E. Dreyer</a>     |  |
| 1915 |                                       | <a href="#">Alfred Fowler</a>              |
| 1914 | <a href="#">Max Wolf</a>              |  |
| 1913 |                                       | <a href="#">Henri-Alexandre Deslandres</a> |
| 1912 | <a href="#">Arthur Robert Hinks</a>   | <a href="#">Arthur Robert Hinks</a>        |

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| 1911 | <a href="#">Philip Herbert Cowell</a>                       |                                      |
| 1910 |   | <a href="#">Friedrich Küstner</a>    |
| 1909 | <a href="#">Oskar Backlund</a>                              |                                      |
| 1908 |   | <a href="#">David Gill</a>           |
| 1907 |   | <a href="#">Ernest William Brown</a> |
| 1906 | <a href="#">William Wallace Campbell</a>                    |                                      |
| 1905 | <a href="#">Lewis Boss</a>                                  |                                      |
| 1904 |   | <a href="#">George Ellery Hale</a>   |
| 1903 |   | <a href="#">Hermann Struve</a>       |
| 1902 | <a href="#">Jacobus Kapteyn</a>                             |                                      |
| 1901 | <a href="#">Edward Charles Pickering</a>                    |                                      |
| 1900 | <a href="#">Henri Poincaré</a>                              |                                      |
| 1899 | <a href="#">Frank McClean</a>                               |                                      |
| 1898 | <a href="#">William Frederick Denning</a>                   |                                      |
| 1897 | <a href="#">Edward Emerson Barnard</a>                      |                                      |
| 1896 | <a href="#">Seth Carlo Chandler</a>                         |                                      |
| 1895 | <a href="#">Isaac Roberts</a>                               |                                      |
| 1894 | <a href="#">Sherburne Wesley Burnham</a>                    |                                      |
| 1893 | <a href="#">Hermann Carl Vogel</a>                          |                                      |
| 1892 | <a href="#">George Howard Darwin</a>                        |                                      |
| 1889 | <a href="#">Maurice Loewy</a>                               |                                      |
| 1888 | <a href="#">Arthur Auwers</a>                               |                                      |
| 1887 | <a href="#">George William Hill</a>                         |                                      |
| 1886 | <a href="#">Edward Charles Pickering, Charles Pritchard</a> |                                      |

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| 1885 | <a href="#">William Huggins</a>                       |  |
| 1884 | <a href="#">Andrew Ainslie Common</a>                 |  |
| 1883 | <a href="#">Benjamin A. Gould</a>                     |  |
| 1882 | <a href="#">David Gill</a>                            |  |
| 1881 | <a href="#">Axel Möller</a>                           |  |
| 1879 | <a href="#">Asaph Hall</a>                            |  |
| 1878 | <a href="#">Ercole Dembowski</a>                      |  |
| 1876 | <a href="#">Urbain Le Verrier</a>                     |  |
| 1875 | <a href="#">Heinrich d'Arrest</a>                     |  |
| 1874 | <a href="#">Simon Newcomb</a>                         |  |
| 1872 | <a href="#">Giovanni Schiaparelli</a>                 |  |
| 1870 | <a href="#">Charles Delaunay</a>                      |  |
| 1869 | <a href="#">Edward James Stone</a>                    |  |
| 1868 | <a href="#">Urbain Le Verrier</a>                     |  |
| 1867 | <a href="#">William Huggins, William Allen Miller</a> |  |
| 1866 | <a href="#">John Couch Adams</a>                      |  |
| 1865 | <a href="#">George Phillips Bond</a>                  |  |
| 1863 | <a href="#">Friedrich Wilhelm Argelander</a>          |  |
| 1862 | <a href="#">Warren de la Rue</a>                      |  |
| 1861 | <a href="#">Hermann Goldschmidt</a>                   |  |
| 1860 | <a href="#">Peter Andreas Hansen</a>                  |  |
| 1859 | <a href="#">Richard Christopher Carrington</a>        |  |
| 1858 | <a href="#">Robert Main</a>                           |  |
| 1857 | <a href="#">Heinrich Schwabe</a>                      |  |
| 1856 | <a href="#">Robert Grant</a>                          |  |

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| 1855 | <a href="#">William Rutter Dawes</a>  |                          |
| 1854 | <a href="#">Charles Rümker</a>  |                          |
| 1853 | <a href="#">John Russell Hind</a>   |                          |
| 1852 | <a href="#">Christian August Friedrich Peters</a>   |                          |
| 1851 | <a href="#">Annibale de Gasparis</a>  |                          |
| 1850 | <a href="#">Otto Struve</a>   |                          |
| 1849 | <a href="#">William Lassell</a>   |                          |
| 1848 | # John Couch Adams, # George Biddell Airy, # Friedrich Wilhelm August Argelander, # George Bishop, # Peter Andreas Hansen, # Karl Ludwig Hencke | # Lt-Col. George Everest |
| 1846 | <a href="#">George Biddell Airy</a> , # John Herschel, # John Russell Hind, # John William Lubbock, # Urbain Le Verrier, # Maxmilian Weisse, #  |                          |
| 1845 | <a href="#">William Henry Smyth</a>   |                          |
| 1843 | <a href="#">Francis Baily</a>   |                          |
| 1842 | <a href="#">Peter Andreas Hansen</a>  |                          |
| 1841 | <a href="#">Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel</a>  |                          |
| 1840 | <a href="#">Jean Plana</a>  |                          |
| 1839 | <a href="#">John Wrottesley</a>   |                          |
| 1837 | <a href="#">Otto A. Rosenberger</a>   |                          |
| 1836 | <a href="#">John Herschel</a>   |                          |
| 1835 | <a href="#">Manuel J. Johnson</a>   |                          |
| 1833 | <a href="#">George Biddell Airy</a>   |                          |
| 1831 | <a href="#">Marie-Charles Damoiseau</a> , <a href="#">Henry Kater</a>   |                          |
| 1830 | <a href="#">Johann Franz Encke</a> , <a href="#">William Richardson</a>   |                          |



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| 1829 | <a href="#">Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel</a> , <a href="#">William Pearson</a> , <a href="#">Heinrich Christian Schumacher</a> |  |
| 1828 | <a href="#">Thomas Makdougall Brisbane</a> , <a href="#">James Dunlop</a> , <a href="#">Caroline Herschel</a>              |  |
| 1827 | <a href="#">Francis Baily</a> , * Mark Beaufoy, * William Samuel Stratford   |  |
| 1826 | John Herschel, James South, Wilhelm Struve   |  |
| 1824 | Charles Babbage, Johann Franz Encke, * J.L. Pons, *Charles Rumker  |  |
|      | # – Testimonial  |  |
|      | * – Silver Medal   |  |