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Ig-Nobel Prizes Explained

What is it?

The [Ig Nobel Prize](#) is a satiric prize awarded annually since 1991 to celebrate ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research, its stated aim being to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think." The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize, which it parodies, and on the word ignoble (not noble).

Organized by the scientific humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research (AIR), the Ig Nobel Prizes are presented by Nobel laureates in a ceremony at the Sanders Theater, Harvard University, and are followed by the winners' public lectures at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ig-Nobel Prize Winners

Research teams tackle some highly unusual problems and submit their results for evaluation. Details can be found in this complete [List of Ig-Nobel Prize winners](#).

This is an example of the 2021 Ig Nobel Prize in Economics:

Pavlo Blavatskyy, for discovering that the obesity of a country's politicians may be a good indicator of that country's corruption.

The Saints and Heroes Awards are inspired by these ig-Nobel prizes.

2023 Ig-Nobel Prizes

The humorous honors were awarded on September 14, 2023, two weeks ahead of the real Nobel Prizes.....

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2022 Ig-Nobel Prizes

The humorous honors were awarded earlier than usual at a virtual ceremony on September 15, 2022.

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