









I am truly grateful for this recognition and express my heartfelt appreciation to my Data61 colleagues. To witness the positive impact of Data61's responsible AI engineering approach within the industry has been an amazing experience. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with industry and community to implement responsible AI."

## Dr Qinghua Lu

Principal Research Scientist | Data61 | CSIRO Team Leader, Software Engineering for AI (SE4AI) Research Team | Data61 I CSIRO Lead, Responsible Al Science Team | Data61 | CSIRO













I am a collage made of the rich histories, stories, languages, and cultures of the African people. This award is for the many African voices that are not represented in AI, and who not only experience AI bias, but their knowledge might get lost with the new digital social order."

### Angella Ndaka

Co-founder | The Centre for Africa Epistemic Justice Research fellow-Sustainable Digital Economics Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society













Receiving this award is an honour. The progress I have achieved in utilising AI to advance non-invasive cancer diagnostics, personalised medicine, and precision therapy is a testament to the unwavering support of my exceptional team, industry partners, and clinical collaborators. Together, we are shaping AI's transformative impact on digital medicine."

### Dr Fatemeh Vafaee PhD

Deputy Director | UNSW Data Science Hub Associate Professor of Computational Biomedicine | UNSW













I'm deeply honoured to win this prestigious award. It is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion I have poured into my AI journey. This recognition motivates me to push boundaries, drive innovation, and empower others to make a lasting impact in AI."

# Maggie Sikora

Founder and CEO | MACSO Technologies and Comfort.Al













I am incredibly honoured and grateful for this award and for living and working among many passionate, hardworking, brave and wonderful women. Thank you for your inspiration. I wish this award encourages more women to follow their dreams and others to appreciate and acknowledge their efforts and contribution."

## Dr Rita Matulionyte

Researcher | Macquarie University Law School Affiliate | ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society (ADM+S)













It is a great privilege to receive the WAI Award for the AI in Finance category! WAI offers a unique platform through which I hope to encourage young girls and women to pursue AI and STEM, to follow their passion, and to always aim for the moon!"

# Dr Maneet Singh PhD (CSE)

Director and Data Scientist | Al Garage, Mastercard













I am humbled by this recognition and thankful to the WAI community to have provided a platform that enables and empowers women in AI to be seen and heard. More determined than ever, I look forward to building a community that ethically shapes the future of AI and the world."

### Saba Samiei

Founder and CEO | MACSO Technologies and Comfort.Al



I in Agribusiness and Rural Development Award











It is an honour to be presented with the AI in Cyber Security Award. I have always been passionate about helping organisations control and protect their data. As a founder of Castlepoint Systems, I work to achieve this by leveraging ethical AI to safeguard citizens and help organisations remain compliant."

Rachael Greaves CIP, CISA, CISM, CDPSE

Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder | Castlepoint Systems













I am honoured to receive the APAC Women in AI Award in the AI for Education category. This recognition reinforces my commitment to leveraging robotics and AI to transform education and empower learners; to create inclusive, innovative, and personalized learning experiences that prepare the next generations."

#### Dr Wafa Johal

Snr Lecturer ARC DECRA Fellow School of Computing & Information Systems Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, The University of Melbourne













Receiving this award is an amazing recognition of the work I've been doing in this space over the years. It's so great to receive this recognition alongside so many other incredibly dedicated and talented women working in this space."

#### Dr Zena Assaad

Trusted Autonomous Systems Fellow Senior Research Fellow | Australian National University Co-Host of the Algorithmic Futures Podcast



AI in Defence and Intelligence Award











Thrilled to be a WAI Awards winner! Culturally diverse and adaptive teams are pivotal to our success, fostering inclusivity and leveraging diverse perspectives that drive innovation and problem-solving. This recognition highlights the significance of diverse teams in advancing AI and achieving exceptional results."

# Orla Glynn

Executive - AI, Reporting, Insights and Automation | Telstra













Congratulations to all winners and finalists, including my co-finalist Elisa! Thank you to Women in AI and the sponsors for making these Awards possible. Thanks to all my colleagues, collaborators, family and students! Special thanks to Professor Di Cook, for nominating and encouraging me to step outside my comfort zone."

# **Alice Sweeting**

Lecturer of Sport Science & Analytics | Victoria University













I am immensely grateful and deeply humbled to accept this prestigious award. It is a reflection of the collective effort and collaboration of everyone at Woolworths New Zealand. This recognition fuels my deep commitment to enhancing the performance of New Zealand organisations through emerging technologies, advanced analytics, and artificial intelligence."

#### Kari Jones

General Manager | Analytics & Insights, Woolworths New Zealand













It's an incredible honour to be selected by WAI. I am extremely grateful to WAI for recognizing talented women in Artificial Intelligence and for creating a community of brilliant women in the field. Let's continue pushing boundaries, breaking barriers and creating change together. Thank you!"

# Dr Shruti Nagpal

Research Scientist | Sony Research













I am immensely grateful and know that my work is a small part of the greater ESG movement, ensuring our children and our children's children will enjoy the planet they deserve. A wise man once said: We don't inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

#### Kam Lin Mah

Former Group Data Scientist | Maybank, Malaysia













I'm humbled and excited to receive this WAI Award for the Environment. This Award has helped me see that my efforts have been worthwhile and are appreciated more widely. Thank you for this award, it has made me reflect on my career and celebrate my achievements, an invaluable outcome."

### Dr Petra Kuhnert

Group Leader of the Statistical Machine Learning Group | CSIRO I Data61



I in Environment and Biodiversity Award











In this moment of celebration, we acknowledge the strength we find when we uplift one another. We embrace our uniqueness, diversity, and determination. Let's continue to amplify each other's voices. Every step we take to nurture an atmosphere of collaboration and encouragement, paves the way for future generations to thrive."

#### Rizka Purwanto

Assistant Professor | Monash University Research Associate | UNSW Canberra Space











I am incredibly grateful, and honoured, for the recognition of this award. This highlights the varied and impactful work of CSIRO and other Australian colleagues, and the many regional experts working to make change. I feel privileged to highlight the role that CSIRO does, and can, have in tackling leading global challenges."

### **Dr Jessica Ford**

Research Scientist | CSIRO













I'm honoured and proud to receive the Women in Innovation Award, recognising my significant contributions to artificial intelligence. I'd like to thank my mentors, collaborators and students. This recognition inspires me to continue driving innovation and developing socially responsible technologies in this transformative field for the benefit of all."

## Dr Yang Song

ARC Future Fellow, Scientia Associate Professor School of Computer Science and Engineering, UNSW













This award highlights how women are working together to communicate and enable Indigenous women rangers to use ethical AI and digital technology to monitor and manage their country."

## Dr Cathy Robinson

Principal Research Scientist | CSIRO Member of the National Al Centre Diversity and Inclusion Think Tank team

