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Professor Jennifer L Martin AC FAA is the Director of Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery (GRIDD) at Griffith University in Australia.

Jenny is the recipient of many awards including an inaugural ARC Australian Laureate Fellowship, the ASBMB Roche Medal, the Queensland Smart Women Smart State Research Scientist Award, and the Women in Biotech Outstanding Achievement Award. Her research focuses on protein structure and function in health and disease and the application of structure-based approaches to design and develop new drugs. She was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Sciences in 2017. Jenny is the President of the Asian Crystallography Association, and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Union of Crystallography.

Jenny is passionate about gender equity in science and medicine. She was a Foundation Member of the Australian Academy of Science “Science in Australia Gender Equity” (SAGE) Committee charged with addressing gender equity in STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine). SAGE implemented the Athena SWAN pilot currently running in Australia. This evidence-based system from the UK requires a 2-year self assessment, consultation process, and action plan development to address the attrition of women in STEM. A total of 44 organisations (including 30 universities), CSIRO and ANSTO signed up to the pilot, which is now also supported by the Federal Government.

For her work on antibacterial research, as a role model in science and a champion of gender equity, Professor Martin was awarded Companion of the Order of Australia in the 2018 Australia Day Honours