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## Actua CEO Jennifer Flanagan named one of Women's Executive Network 2021 Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women

Ottawa, Oct. 25, 2021 – The 2021 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners list was released by Women's Executive Network today, recognizing 105 outstanding women across Canada who advocate for workforce diversity and inspire tomorrow's leaders. Actua is pleased to announce that its President and CEO, Jennifer Flanagan has been awarded in the Manulife Science and Technology category, which recognizes women in STEM roles who are challenging the status quo for knowledge and female empowerment.

"When I look at this year's winners, I see a group of radically authentic women who remind us all of what it means to stand up with courage, for ourselves and those around them," said Sherri Stevens, Owner and CEO of WXN. "By recognizing and celebrating the strength, fearlessness, resilience and heart these women demonstrate, we can inspire more of the same in generations to come."

This is the third time Ms. Flanagan has been honoured with this distinguished award. She was also named to the list in 2006 and 2018 in the CIBC Trailblazers and Trendsetters category for her decades-long leadership in advancing women and other underrepresented audiences in STEM and the economy more broadly.

"I am so honoured to be named one of WXN Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women," said Jennifer Flanagan, President and CEO of Actua. "For over twenty-five years, Actua has maintained an unwavering commitment to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM. Our national programs have inspired hundreds of thousands of girls and young women to pursue STEM education and careers. This award is for all of them. May it serve as an example of what you can achieve when you remain curious, courageous and authentic."

The Top 100 Awards span the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, with the winners selected by WXN's Diversity Council of Canada. Past award winners include some of Canada's most iconic women: The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine, the first African-Canadian woman elected to the House of Commons; Dr. Shawna Pandya, scientist-astronaut candidate; Michele Romanow, tech entrepreneur and venture capitalist; Susan Aglukark, award-winning musician; and Melissa Grelo, co-host of CTV's The Social. For a full list of winners, visit <https://wxnetwork.com/page/2021Top100AwardWinners>.

### About WXN

Women's Executive Network (WXN), a member-based organization, is North America's #1 and only organization that meaningfully propels and celebrates the advancement of women at all levels, in all sectors, and of all ages. WXN delivers this advancement through training, events, mentoring, networking, and award and recognition programs for members and partners. WXN operates in Canada and the U.S.

## **About Actua**

Actua is Canada's largest science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach network representing over 40 university and college-based members. Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations reach over 350,000 young Canadians in 500 communities nationwide. Actua focuses on the engagement of underrepresented youth through specialized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and young women, at-risk youth and youth living in Northern and remote communities. Actua's major funding partners include: Government of Canada, Google Canada, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, RBC Foundation, Suncor Energy Foundation, TD, Toyota Canada Foundation, Finning Canada, Microsoft Canada, Imperial, and Lockheed Martin Canada. For more information about Actua, visit [actua.ca](http://actua.ca).

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