

Wigner, Eugene Paul

Eugene Paul Wigner, b. Budapest, Hungary, Nov. 17, 1902, is an American physicist known for his work on group theory and as one of the early developers of nuclear power. From 1942 to 1948, he worked on the MANHATTAN PROJECT; his research on nuclear chain reactions aided in the development of the atomic bomb. Wigner received the Enrico Fermi Award of the Atomic Energy Commission (1953) and the Atoms for Peace Award (1960) and shared the 1963 Nobel Prize for physics with Jo Jensen and Marie Goeppert-Mayer. He wrote *Symmetries and Reflections: Scientific Essays* (1967).

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