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# Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards

2026 Winners



# Introduction

The Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards recognize breakthrough innovations in the global supply chain community. This year's award winners include a wide array of impressive innovations benefiting customers and patients, supply chain teams, supply chain operations and communities at large, while delivering bottom-line results for the business.

Each innovation demonstrates significant investment and commitment to people, partnerships and collaboration as critical enablers of supply chain strategy and business performance. The innovations highlight the impact that's possible when it's necessary to quickly take decisive action in the face of significant health, social and environmental challenges. Leaders from purpose-driven organizations show that they proactively consider what is right for their customers and suppliers, thinking beyond shareholder value.

Please read on for a synopsis of each award winner. Gartner clients may login to their client portal at [gartner.com](https://gartner.com) to read the complete research note.



# About Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards

Now in its twelfth year, the Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards is an annual community-driven recognition program for breakthrough innovations that inspire supply chain transformation around the globe.

## Key benefits

- Showcase your supply chain leadership.
- Attract top supply chain talent to your organization.
- Advance the supply chain profession.

## Award Categories



### Customer or Patient Innovation of the Year

Achieve a positive, quantifiable impact on customer or patient loyalty through supply chain.



### People Breakthrough of the Year

Foster diversity on the supply chain team, create value for the business through supply chain, and/or develop capabilities across the value chain.



### Process or Technology Innovation of the Year

Achieve outstanding and quantifiable business performance through supply chain innovation in process engineering or technology application.



### Social Impact of the Year

Achieve a positive, quantifiable impact on the community and/or the environment through supply chain.



# Bristol Myers Squibb

## Delivering Hope: Bristol Myers Squibb Expands Access to Cutting-Edge CAR-T Therapies for Patients in Japan With Difficult-to-Treat Cancers

In just eight weeks from ideation to implementation, Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) pioneered a transpacific capability to bridge the gap between patient need in Japan and manufacturing capacity in the U.S. for CAR-T therapies. These individualized, made-to-order treatments use a patient’s own white blood cells (Apheresis) to fight difficult-to-treat blood cancers.

With Japan’s demand outpacing local production, BMS needed a rapid solution to deliver to patients in need of treatment. The supply chain team engineered a transpacific “bridge” to route patient Apheresis material from Japan to BMS manufacturing sites in New Jersey (~6,800 miles) and Washington (~4,800 miles). This enabled uninterrupted production and timely delivery of life-saving therapies for more than 100 patients to date and growing.

Once manufactured, the therapy is shipped back to the patient’s care site in Japan for infusion, ensuring continuity of care and expanding access to critical treatments.

This capability enables BMS to scale operations to meet future patient needs in Japan, where overall increases in relevant cancer prevalence in recent years can exceed 20,000 new cases annually. The supply chain team is improving both access to potentially life-saving treatments and operational efficiency.

Past winners of Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards related to customer or patient innovation include:

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| <b>2025</b><br>AB InBev | <b>2024</b><br>Danone | <b>2023</b><br>Zuellig Pharma | <b>2022</b><br>Pfizer | <b>2021</b><br>Johnson & Johnson | <b>2020</b><br>Ralph Lauren | <b>2019</b><br>MSD | <b>2018</b><br>Schneider Electric | <b>2017</b><br>Bayer | <b>2016</b><br>Intel |
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# Unilever

## DigiOps: Reimagining Capability for the Age of Autonomous Operations

DigiOps was launched to prepare Unilever’s customer operations workforce for the era of AI-augmented organizations, where human and agent teams collaborate daily.

Future success demands balanced proficiency across digital, domain, and business skill sets, signaling a shift toward integrated digital and operations capability. DigiOps differentiates from standard practice by integrating and democratizing these three skill sets across all organizational levels.

Specialists, managers, directors and vice presidents learn side by side, building 12 core skills from generative AI and Python to systems thinking and storytelling. The aim is to ensure future-fit professionals can connect technology, operations, and business impact seamlessly.

DigiOps graduated over 480 employees, achieving over 3,000 skill advancements, closing digital gaps, and progressing in domain and business skill sets. DigiOps citizens are applying new skills to build custom agents, optimize processes and influence decisions, while formalizing projects worth €6.2 million. Furthermore, employee engagement soared, with 93% of graduates agreeing Unilever supports upskilling, versus 79% companywide.

DigiOps is inclusive, ensuring fair representation across genders and geographies and sparking a behavioral shift as participants dedicated ~100 hours to learning, proving time is not a barrier. While full impact will unfold with AI transformation, DigiOps citizens are ready to make it happen.

Past winners of Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards related to people or talent breakthroughs include:

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| <b>2025</b><br>Boston Scientific | <b>2024</b><br>Dell Technologies | <b>2023</b><br>P&G | <b>2022</b><br>Shell | <b>2021</b><br>Dell Technologies | <b>2020</b><br>Intermountain Healthcare | <b>2019</b><br>GE Appliances | <b>2018</b><br>Benjamin Moore | <b>2017</b><br>The Hershey Company | <b>2016</b><br>Intel |
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# Diageo

## Diageo’s Spirits Intelligence Platform (SIP): Maximizing the Value of Our Liquid Gold

Diageo’s SIP transforms the art of maturation into a data-driven, sustainable, global growth engine.

**Revolutionizing maturation performance:** SIP predicts and mitigates maturation losses across more than 10 million casks. It is expected to drive double-digit yield improvements and preserve more sellable liquid.

**Integrated global marketplace:** A connected analytics platform optimizes allocation of premium-aged spirits to the most valuable markets, generating many millions of dollars in incremental revenue.

**Data-driven craftsmanship:** SIP provides unprecedented cask-level insights, enhancing artisanal expertise with consumer-grade data intelligence, transforming a centuries-old craft into a precision-driven growth engine, and ensuring sustainability from grain to glass.

Past winners of Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards related to process or technology innovation include:

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| <b>2025</b><br>AstraZeneca | <b>2024</b><br>JD.com | <b>2023</b><br>Microsoft | <b>2022</b><br>Schneider Electric | <b>2021</b><br>Microsoft | <b>2020</b><br>Schneider Electric | <b>2019</b><br>Levi Strauss | <b>2018</b><br>P&G | <b>2017</b><br>Mondelēz International | <b>2016</b><br>The Dow Chemical Company |
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# Microsoft

## Supply Chain for the Most Precious Resources on Earth

Rare earth elements are essential to electronics and energy technologies, but rising demand brings risks due to market volatility and geopolitical tensions. Mining these materials also poses environmental hazards, land degradation, and disruption to surrounding communities and ecosystems.

Microsoft is redefining sustainability by transforming supply chains and integrating social responsibility into every decision, deepening its commitment to the planet and communities.

To address impacts of conventional rare earth mining, Microsoft launched an initiative to recover rare earth oxides (REOs) from retired data center hard disk drives (HDDs). The pilot recycled ~47,000 pounds of HDDs, reclaiming rare earths like neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium. Since February 2025, the program scaled across North American data centers, processing over 2 million pounds of HDDs and recovering nearly 1,750 pounds of REOs — marking an evolution in large-scale post-consumer REO recovery in North America. The process cuts REO carbon emissions by 80%, reduces health and labor risks, and builds a resilient domestic supply chain of recycled magnets — advancing ethical sourcing and shielding against geopolitical and economic disruptions.

This is more than environmental sustainability; it's a blueprint for a cleaner, fairer and more resilient future, where supply chain leadership is defined by courage, conviction and impact.

Past winners of Gartner Power of the Profession™ Supply Chain Awards related to social impact include:

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| <b>2025</b><br>Danone | <b>2024</b><br>General Mills | <b>2023</b><br>Vodacom | <b>2022</b><br>Microsoft | <b>2021</b><br>Thermo Fisher Scientific | <b>2020</b><br>Colgate-Palmolive | <b>2019</b><br>Dell Technologies | <b>2018</b><br>Pfizer | <b>2017</b><br>General Mills | <b>2016</b><br>AstraZeneca |
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# Our Esteemed Executive Judges



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