

Title: IEEE GRSS Early Career Award

Description: The GRSS Early Career Award is established to promote, recognize and support young scientists and engineers within the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society who have shown great potential in their fields of expertise and demonstrated promise for significant contributions in the future.

Administration: IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IEEE GRSS)

Eligibility: The candidate must be a member of IEEE GRSS for at least 5 years and be less than 35 years old at the time of nomination. The nomination clearly identifies the candidate's outstanding contributions in one or more GRSS field(s) of interest. Eligibility and selection process shall comply with procedures and regulation established in IEEE and Society governing documents, particularly with IEEE Policy 4.4 on Awards Limitations.

Award Items: Prize items are a Certificate and US\$ 1500,-- honorarium.

Frequency: The prize shall be presented annually to one recipient, provided a qualified candidate is nominated.

Funds: The award is funded by the IEEE GRSS. The society's budget includes the amount for this award AND the Society budget is net positive with the inclusion of the award.

Nominee Solicitation: The nomination package has to be submitted by an IEEE GRSS member, consisting of the following:

- a nomination letter, no more than 2 pages in length, clearly identifying, with evidence and references, the contributions and the impact of the candidate's work
- a complete curriculum vitae of the candidate
- at least 2 recommendation letters from individuals familiar with the candidate's technical contributions and achievements

Award Committee: The nominations are evaluated and ranked by the IEEE GRSS Special Awards Committee. The IEEE GRSS AdCom approves the award in its spring meeting.

Schedule: The following schedule shall be the guideline:

- Dec. 15. nominations are due for awards in the following year
- Dec. 20. all nominations sent out to the Special Awards Cmte
- Feb. 15. evaluations received from the GRSS Special Awards Cmte
- Feb. AdCom approval of the candidate by GRSS AdCom
- March 1. notify recipient, request biographical sketch and photo
- April 1. order certificate and plaque with citation from, and send signatures of both GRSS President and Special Awards Committee Chair to IEEE Headquarters (allow 2 months for these items)
- IGARSS awards presentation (Plenary or Banquet)
- Prepare material for GRS Magazine immediately after IGARSS
- Sept. Prepare archival material for TRANSACTIONS

Selection/Basis for Judging: Criteria for the candidate selection are quality, significance and impact of contributions, papers published in archival journals - papers presented at conferences and symposia, patents, demonstration of leadership, and advancement of profession. Previous winners of this award are ineligible.

Presentation: The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during the International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, IGARSS, together with other IEEE GRSS awards.

Publicity: A feature publication will be published in the IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing and/or in the GRS Magazine.