# IEEE GRSS Chapter Excellence AWARD

**Description:** The GRSS established the Chapter Excellence Award to recognize excellence in a GRSS or Joint Local Chapter demonstrated by exemplary local GRSS activities during the previous year. The award shall be considered annually and presented only when a deserving Chapter is identified.

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

**Eligibility:** IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society Chapters and combined IEEE Chapters. Eligibility and the 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:** Certificate and check for US$1,000 to be used *only* for Chapter activities.

**Frequency:** The award shall be presented annually to one chapter, provided a qualified chapter is identified.

**Funds:** The award is funded through the IEEE GRSS budget. 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:** For each Chapter to be considered, the Chapter Chair is required to submit a copy of the previous year’s annual Chapter Report to the AdCom Chapters Committee Chair before January 15. The AdCom Chapters Chair then will compile a synopsis of all Chapter Reports received and may provide a recommendation to the Awards Chair before January 31.

**Selection Procedure:** The Awards Chair determines if a suitable Chapter is found for this award. The AdCom Chapters Committee Chair may provide recommendations but does not have a vote in the Awards selection. The award is approved by the GRSS AdCom.

**Selection Factors:** Quantity, quality, breadth and significance of activities and technical meetings during the previous calendar year Active participation of members in IGARSS and other GRSS sponsored activities

**Suggested guidelines:** The Chapter VP may give preference to a Chapter that:

Has shown significant Section membership growth during the past 3 years,

Engages officers and members to show leadership in international GRSS activities (e.g. IGARSS TPC, Tech. Cmtes.)

Chapters that receive the GRSS Chapter of the Year Award are not eligible to receive it again within 3 years.

**Presentation:** The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during IGARSS of the following year.

**Publicity:** A feature publication will be published in the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON GEOSCIENCE AND REMOTE SENSING and/or in the GRSS Magazine.

**Timetable:**

* End of January, the AdCom Chapters Committee Chair is requested to provide a list of exceptional Chapters to the Awards Chair before January 31.
* Determine the date of AdCom meeting, when the award recipient will be decided. Allow two weeks for evaluating.
* During Feb. the Awards Chair evaluates and scores nominated chapters.
* In the spring meeting approval by the GRSS AdCom.