**IEEE GRSS Early Career Award**

**Description**: The GRSS Early Career Award is to promote, recognize and support young scientists and engineers within the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society who have demonstrated outstanding ability and promise for significant contributions in the future.

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

**Eligibility**: The candidate must be for at lest 5 years an IEEE GRSS member with an age less than 35 years at the time of nomination and making 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 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**: 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, from a GRSS member
* 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.

**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.

**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