**IEEE GRSS Education AWARD**

**Description**:The GRSS Education Award was established to recognize an individual who has made significant educational contributions in terms of the innovation and extent of its overall impact. The contributions can be at any level, including K-12, undergraduate and graduate teaching, professional development and public outreach. It can also be in any form (e.g. textbooks, curriculum development, and educational program initiatives).

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

**Eligibility:** GRSS membership is a requirement. Individuals who have received the GRSS Distinguished Achievement Award are not eligible within 5 years. 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.

**Frequency:** The award 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 Major 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 Major Awards Cmte
* Feb. 15. evaluations received from the GRSS Major 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 GRS-S President and Awards Committee Chair to IEEE Headquarters (allow 2 months)
* IGARSS awards presentation (Plenary or Banquet)
* Prepare material for NEWSLETTER immediately after IGARSS
* Sept. Prepare archival material for TRANSACTIONS

**Selection/Basis for Judging:** The Awards Committee (MAC) may give preference to an individual who:

* Is an IEEE member with the Grade of Senior Member,
* Has been a member of GRSS and IEEE for at least 5 years,
* Has recognized education success in the field of interest,
* Has been engaged in education for at least 10 years.

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

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

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