# IEEE GRSS Regional Leader Award

**Description**:The IEEE GRSS established *the Regional Leader Award* to promote, recognize and support members within the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society who have made significant technical, scientific and/or organizational achievements in the areas of interest to the IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing community. The award shall be considered annually and presented if an outstanding candidate is identified.

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

**Eligibility**:The Special Awards Committee may give preference to candidates who:

* are an IEEE GRSS member with the Grade of Senior Member or Fellow
* have been a member of GRSS and IEEE for at least 5 years
* are pivotal and have performed significant contributions in a region where the GRSS membership and local activities have substantially increased in recent 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 and US$1500 honorarium.

**Frequency:** The award 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 must be submitted by an IEEE GRSS member, consisting of the following:

* a nomination letter, no more than 4 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 regional achievements

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

**Selection/Basis for Judging:** quality, significance and impact of the candidate activities; quantity of contributions; duration of significant activity; regional organizational achievements; presence in the GRSS community.

The award is presented only once to an individual.

**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 GRSS Magazine.

**Schedule**: The following schedule shall be the guideline for the Awards Cmte chair:

* Dec. 15. nominations are due for the award in the following year
* Dec. 20. all nominations sent out to the IEEE GRSS Special Awards Cmte
* Feb. 15. evaluations received from the IEEE GRSS Special Awards Cmte
* Feb. AdCom approval of the candidate by GRSS AdCom