**IEEE GRSS Student Prize Paper Award**

**Description:** The GRSS Student Prize Paper Award was established to recognize the best student paper(s) presented at the IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS). It is believed that early recognition of an outstanding paper will encourage the student to strive for greater and continued contributions to the Geoscience and Remote Sensing profession. The award shall be considered annually.

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

**Eligibility:** The (first) author(s) must:

1. be a student,
2. be under 33 years of age,
3. be a candidate for a graduate degree (PhD students included),
4. be an IEEE member,
5. publish the paper in the IGARSS digest,
6. be registered at IGARSS,
7. personally present the paper at IGARSS, and
8. be present at the IGARSS banquet to receive the award.

Multiple eligible authors are allowed. An ineligible co-author, or an advisor, must verify on university letterhead that the candidate is a student, under 33 years of age, a candidate for a graduate degree, and an IEEE member on the submittal date of the paper.

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.

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**Prize Items:** A maximum of three awards in rank order will be presented with honoraria of US$1000, US$750, and US$500 respectively, and each awardee will receive a Certificate. If there are multiple eligible authors, the honoraria will be shared.

**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 Student Prize Paper Award is announced in the Call for Papers for each Symposium, and such papers entered must be so noted. To be considered for the GRSS Student Prize Paper Award, the author must submit at the outset in addition to a one-page abstract marked "Student Paper," a more descriptive, condensed paper not exceeding four (4) pages to enable the Award judges to select the Finalist Papers. These papers will be evaluated by the Symposium Technical Program Committee (TPC). Those Student Papers accepted for presentation will be identified and forwarded to the Society Awards Committee Chair.

**StPPA Awards Subcommittee:** A Subcommittee with no fewer than three members of GRSS, two of whom must be members of the GRSS Administrative Committee, shall be appointed by the GRSS Awards Committee Chair to serve for each IGARSS. The Subcommittee will evaluate all Student Papers selected by the TPC for presentation at IGARSS, and the Subcommittee will identify to the TPC no more than the top eight papers as the finalists. The Subcommittee will seek verification of the eligibility of the authors.

During IGARSS, the Subcommittee will judge and score the paper published in the Digest, and its presentation. The Subcommittee will meet as a whole, discuss the presentations and Digest papers, and rank order all finalists. The Subcommittee will recommend the First, Second, and Third Prize Papers to the Awards Committee Chairman for approval.

**Schedule:** Approximately five months prior to the Symposium date, the TPC with the support of the Awards Chair will select the papers for presentation and identify those accepted as Student Papers. These papers will be scheduled by the TPC for oral presentation in regular technical sessions, prior to the IGARSS Banquet, usually held on Wednesday. At the option of the author(s) these papers may also be presented in the Interactive (poster) Session.

The authors of these papers shall be informed by the Awards Committee Chair that the paper must be presented personally, and that the winner(s) must be present at the Banquet when announced. The Awards Committee Chair with the approval of the President of GRSS shall inform the Award winner(s).

**Selection:** The selection factors considered include: significance, innovation, quality of presentation, and quality of the paper in the Digest. The scoring method shall be established by the Subcommittee.

**Presentation:** The award shall be presented at an awards ceremony during IGARSS. The checks will be mailed after clarifying the tax items.

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