# IEEE GRSS DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Description**:The GRSS established the Distinguished Achievement Award to recognize an individual who has made significant technical contributions over a sustained period. The contributions shall fall within the technical scope of GRSS. The award shall be considered annually and presented if a distinguished candidate is identified.

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

**Eligibility**:The Awards Committee may give preference to an individual who:

* is an IEEE member with the Grade of Senior Member or Fellow,
* has been a member of GRSS and IEEE for at least 5 years,
* has published papers in IEEE Journals, esp. TGARS within the past 10 years,
* has been engaged in technical aspects of remote sensing for at least 15 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:** Plaque and 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.

**Selection/Basis for Judging:** - quality, significance and impact of contributions - quantity of contributions - duration of significant activity - papers published in archival journals - papers presented at conferences and symposia - patents advancement of profession.

Individuals who have received the GRSS Outstanding Service Award are not eligible within 5 years.

**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:

* Nov. 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 GRSS Magazine immediately after IGARSS
* Sept. Prepare archival material for TRANSACTIONS