



International Union of Geological Sciences

IUGS Early Career Award

Terms of Reference

1. Rationale for the award

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding research contributions by an early career scientist.

2. Awardee profile

Nominees should (i) have contributed to geologic knowledge through original research that marks a major advance in the Earth sciences and (ii) be within 10 years after the award of his/her PhD degree at the time of the deadline for the presentation of nominations. Any period of long-term career disruption taken since receiving their degree will not count towards the time limit. Active officers of the various IUGS bodies and initiatives are excluded.

3. Procedure

The award is made only at the discretion of the IUGS Executive Committee (EC) and applies to all scientific disciplines represented by the Union.

1. Every four years and twelve months prior to an International Geological Congress (IGC) the award will be advertised through the IUGS e-bulletin, the IUGS homepage and *Episodes*.
2. Nominations, which can be made by anyone in the IUGS community, should be forwarded to the IUGS Secretary General not later than three months after the call.
3. Nominations shall consist of a formal letter, no more than three pages in length summarizing the case for an award, plus at least three one-page letters of support, the nominee's CV and list of publications.
4. A letter of acceptance of the candidate to be nominated is required. Up to three external reviewers can be suggested by the nominating person or organization, but they may or may not be utilized when considering the application.
5. The recipient will be identified by an independent ad-hoc panel composed of not more than five external experts. All members of the panel of external experts shall evaluate all candidates. The EC will select the members of the panel following an open call; the selection will consider discipline, gender balance, geographic cover. The panel will propose the recipient to the EC which will make the final decision.

4. Award

The award will consist of two components:

- a purpose-made medal
- reasonable travel and accommodation costs, as specified in the award letter, incurred for receiving the award at IGC

5. Presentation

The award will be presented by the IUGS President during an IGC.