



International Union of Geological Sciences

IUGS James M. Harrison Award for distinguished service

Terms of Reference

1. Rationale for the award

IUGS, which is one of the largest international scientific unions, is run by many dedicated individuals who devote much of their time to its activities. Some of them have greatly contributed to the IUGS activities and hence to the global geosciences. The purpose of the IUGS Harrison Award is to acknowledge such persons. The award, established in 2004, celebrates Dr. James M. Harrison (1915-1990), an internationally respected Canadian geologist who was the first IUGS President from 1961 to 1964, as well as President of ICSU (International Council of Scientific Unions) from 1966 to 1968.

2. Awardee profile

Nominees should have made an outstanding contribution to the Union over many years. Active officers of the various IUGS bodies and initiatives, including - among others - the IUGS Executive Committee, Commissions, Task Groups, and Initiatives are excluded.

3. Procedure

3.1. Every four years and one year prior to an International Geological Congress, the award will be advertised through the e-bulletin, the IUGS homepage and *Episodes*.

3.2. 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.

3.3. Nominations shall consist of a formal letter, no more than three pages in length, summarizing the case for an award, plus at least five one-page letters of support, together with the nominee's CV.

3.4. A letter of acceptance from the nominated candidate is required. Up to three external reviewers can be suggested by the nominating person or organization but the EC is not constrained to using them when considering the application.

3.5. At least four weeks prior to an Executive Committee meeting, the Secretary General should distribute the list of nominees to the Executive Committee members.

3.6. In that meeting, the Executive Committee will vote on the nominees in a closed session.

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.