



**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS
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IUGG Gold Medal

Preamble

The Gold Medal is the highest honor of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, established in 2013 to award Earth and space scientists for outstanding contributions to geodesy and geophysics and for unselfish international cooperation in research. The Medal is presented by the IUGG President at IUGG General Assembly following the announcement of the award. The Awardee is bestowed the Medal, a Medal certificate and Honorary Membership of IUGG.

Nominations for IUGG Gold Medal

Procedure and Requirements for Nomination

Nominations for the IUGG Gold Medal can be submitted by IUGG Adhering Bodies/National Committees or Union Associations. The nomination package should contain

- a nomination letter (should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) signed by the President of the National Committee for IUGG or Association President with one sentence citation (citation should be 200 characters or less including spaces);
- 2 to 4 supporting letters (each letter should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) from scientists (at least 2 letters from scientists from outside the nominee's country of residence), who co-operated with the nominee or are acquainted with the nominee's works through publications and their citations and with the nominee's international cooperation;
- the nominee's CV (should not exceed 3 single-spaced pages of A4 format) with an emphasis on the nominee's scientific work in a research field of IUGG and the nominee's contribution to world science and international scientific cooperation; and
- a list (should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) of the nominee's most important published scientific works.

Eligibility criteria

The Nominee should meet the following criteria:

- Distinguished scientist in one of the fields of IUGG;
- Person who actively promoted international scientific cooperation in Earth and space sciences.

The following individuals are not eligible to be candidates for an IUGG Gold Medal during their terms in office:

- Members of the IUGG Executive Committee;
- Presidents of the National Committees for IUGG;
- Members of the IUGG Gold Medal Committee;
- Also, self-nominations are not accepted.

Nomination submission

The nomination package should be submitted to the IUGG Executive Secretary [Dr. Franz Kuglitsch](#) with a copy to the IUGG Secretary General [Dr. Alexander Rudloff](#) by **20 October 2022**.

IUGG Gold Medal Committee

The IUGG President appoints the Gold Medal Committee with the approval of the IUGG Bureau. The Committee consists of nine members including one member from each of the IUGG Associations and the IUGG Secretary General (ex-officio).

The Gold Medal Committee will consider the nominations and make a preliminary assessment of their conformity with the criteria of the award. The Committee may seek up to 3 independent expert opinions per nominee to review and assess the candidates.

Based on the comments of any independent reviewers, on the nomination and supporting letters, the Committee's members (quorum of 2/3 of the total number of members) make a final recommendation (by simple majority of voices) upon each of the nominees. In the case of several recommendations for the Medal, the Committee should rank the selected people. The Committee Chair sends a report with the recommendation and the list of the recommended persons to the IUGG Executive Secretary and to the IUGG Secretary General.

The IUGG Bureau makes the final decision on the IUGG Gold Medal Awardee.

Frequency

The Gold Medal is bestowed to one individual every 4 years and is presented at IUGG General Assemblies.

Timeline for IUGG Gold Medal Nominations

20 May 2022

Nomination submission opens

20 October 2022

Nomination submission closes at 23:59 UTC

21 October – 10 November 2022

The IUGG Secretariat reviews the nomination packages for eligibility and completeness and prepares nomination materials for the IUGG Gold Medal Committee review.

11 November 2022 – 10 January 2023

The IUGG Gold Medal Committee reviews and considers the nominees, and makes its recommendation to the IUGG Bureau.

11 January – 1 February 2023

The IUGG Bureau considers the recommendations of the IUGG Gold Medal Committee on the selected nominees and makes the final decision on the awardee.

6 February 2023

IUGG officially announces the awardee of the 2023 IUGG Gold Medal.

July 2023

IUGG formally recognizes the Medalist at the Award Ceremony of the XXVIII General Assembly of IUGG in Berlin, Germany.

Technical Requirements

- Nomination and supporting letters should be concise, clear, and preferably on letterhead.
- Nomination and supporting letters must clearly state how the nominee's research over a sustained period of time has made significant impact on the field. The letters must explain the contributions and their importance so that they can be understood by their peers and those outside their research.
- The first paragraph of each nomination and supporting letter should include the name of the nominee and a few sentences giving the overall reasons for nominating or supporting the nominee. The body of the nominating letter, which could be a few paragraphs, should give a brief and concise history of the nominee's work and publications. Both the nomination and supporting letters should state how the work has contributed to the field overall and/or to the growth of the field, as well as what insights have been gained and what impacts the work will have on current and future research.
- The last paragraph of the nomination and supporting letters should summarize the work, state who has benefited, and highlight some of the nominee's recognitions and notable service to the field.
- If possible, the nominator might want to provide the nomination letter and other nomination materials to the persons asked to write supporting letters to help ensure the best possible coverage of the nominee's accomplishments and contributions. It is important that supporting letters augment the letter of nomination through substantive material, establishing the nominee's international reputation in the field as important.
- Both nomination and supporting letters should contain the author's signature, full name, title, and institution affiliation. Electronic or official signatures are acceptable.
- The curriculum vitae should list the nominee's (1) name, (2) address, (3) history of employment, (4) degrees, (5) research experience, (6) honors, (7) memberships, and (8) service to IUGG and other international communities through leadership, committee work, advisory boards, etc. It is important to explain the reasons for the honors which have been received by the candidate. All incomplete or incorrect CVs will be returned to the nominator for revising.
- A list of major published scientific works should begin by briefly stating the candidate's total number and types of publications. For example: "Marie Jones is the author of 123 publications, 96 in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The following selected list best supports the nomination."