



**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS**  
**UNION GEODESIQUE ET GEOPHYSIQUE INTERNATIONALE**

## **Guidelines on IUGG Awards**

The IUGG honours distinguished scientists and outstanding early career researchers for their contribution to the field of Earth and space sciences and to international research cooperation in geodesy and geophysics.

### **IUGG Award Committee**

The IUGG President appoints the Award 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 Award Committee will consider the nominations for the Gold Medal, Fellowships, and Early Career Scientist Awards, and will give a preliminary conclusion on the conformity of the nominee to the established criteria. If needed, the Committee proposes three independent reviewers (leading scientists), who considerably contributed in the disciplines directly connected with the nominee's activity. The Committee's Chair addresses the proposed experts with a request to review the nomination and to provide his/her opinion on the nominees.

Based on the comments of the independent reviewers, on the nomination and supporting letters, the Committee's members make a recommendation (ranking) of the nominees for each of the three awards. The Committee's Chair sends the list of the recommended persons to the IUGG Executive Secretary. The IUGG Bureau makes the final decision on the IUGG Awardees and selects 1 Gold Medallist, up to 10 Fellows, and up to 10 Early Career Scientist Awardees.

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IUGG awards are presented every four years on occasion of IUGG General Assemblies.

# IUGG Gold Medal

## Preamble

The IUGG Gold Medal is the highest honour of the IUGG, established in 2013 to award Earth and space scientists for outstanding contributions to geodesy and geophysics. 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. Furthermore, the Awardee will be invited to give the Gold Medal Lecture at the General Assembly.

## 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 and 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 Award Committee;
- Also, self-nominations are not accepted.

# IUGG Fellowship

## Preamble

The IUGG Fellowship (Honorary Membership) is a tribute awarded by the Bureau to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to international cooperation in geodesy or geophysics, and have attained eminence in the field of Earth and space science. The awardees should have been active in the IUGG or within one or several IUGG Associations or Union Commissions for at least 10 years. Honorary Members are bestowed a Silver Medal and a certificate of IUGG Fellowship, which is presented by the IUGG President at the Awards Ceremony of the IUGG General Assembly following the announcement of the awards.

IUGG Executive Committee and Finance Committee members and Association Secretaries General will become IUGG conferred Fellows upon retirement from their office.

## Nominations for IUGG Fellowship

### Procedure and Requirements for Nomination

Nominations for an IUGG Fellowship can be submitted by IUGG Adhering Bodies/National Committees and Union Associations. The nomination package should include:

- a nomination letter (should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) signed by the President of the National Committee for IUGG, Union Association President or Affiliate Members President with one sentence citation (citation should be 200 characters or less including spaces);
- 3 supporting letters (each letter should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages of A4 format) from scientists (at least 2 letters not from scientists of the nominee's country of residence) emphasizing the nominee's scientific eminence and broad 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 contribution to world science and international scientific cooperation;
- 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:

- Prominent scientist in one of the fields of IUGG;
- Person who has actively promoted international scientific cooperation in Earth and space sciences;
- Active work in IUGG or within one or several IUGG Associations or Commissions of at least 10 years.

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

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

# IUGG Early Career Scientist Award

## Preamble

This IUGG Early Career Scientist Award honours early career scientists for their outstanding research in Earth and space sciences and for their international research cooperation. IUGG Early Career Scientist Awards are presented by the IUGG President at the IUGG General Assembly following the announcement of the awards. The awardees are bestowed a certificate. IUGG covers travel expenses of the awardees to attend the General Assembly. The awardees will be invited to make a presentation at the General Assembly.

## Nominations for IUGG Early Career Scientist Award

### Procedure and Requirements for Nomination

Nominations for the IUGG Early Career Scientist Award can be submitted by IUGG Adhering Bodies/National Committees and Union Associations. The nomination package should include:

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

- being a PhD candidate, or a practising scientist who received their highest academic degree within the past 10 years. This period can be extended because of career interruptions;
- being a researcher who actively promotes international scientific cooperation in Earth and space sciences.

The following individuals are not eligible to be candidates for an IUGG Early Career Scientist Award during their terms in office:

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

## **Nomination Submission**

The nomination package should be submitted to the IUGG Executive Secretary [Dr. Franz Kuglitsch](#) by **31 August 2026**.

## **Timeline for IUGG Awards Nominations**

### 1 March 2026

Nomination submission opens

### 31 August 2026

Nomination submission closes at 23:59 UTC

### 1-20 September 2026

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

### 21 September – 31 October 2026

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

### 1 November – 15 November 2026

The IUGG Bureau considers the recommendations of the IUGG Award Committee on the selected nominees and makes the final decision on the awardees.

### 1 December 2026

IUGG officially announces the 2027 IUGG Awardees.

### 16 July 2027

IUGG formally recognises the 2027 IUGG Awardees at the Award Ceremony of the XXIX General Assembly of IUGG in Incheon, Rep. of Korea.

## **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) honours, (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 honours 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."