

Call for Nominations for the 2006 UCGIS Research Award

The UCGIS Research Award is given to the creators of a particularly outstanding research contribution to Geographic Information Science in 2005. Normally, the Research Award is awarded to author(s) of **an outstanding research work or series of works published in a peer-reviewed medium**. The committee will also consider other modes of expression of research results, including patents, software packages, and non-refereed publications. All researchers worldwide are eligible for the award, except for the current members of the Research Award Committee. Nominations for the award can only be made by people from University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) member institutions.

The nomination package must include a copy of the publication or product upon which the nomination is based, together with a letter explaining why the contribution should be given the UCGIS Research Award. The main criterion for choosing the awardee(s) is impact of the research achievement on the theory and/or practice of GIScience, or on research using GIS, or on Geographic Information Technology, as documented in the letter of nomination and judged by the Research Award Committee. After due consideration of all nominations, the Research Award Committee will recommend an award winner for confirmation by the UCGIS Board of Directors

The Board will appoint a Research Award Committee consisting of a Chair and four other members once the deadline for nominations has passed. Only people from UCGIS membership institutions can serve on the Research Award Committee. The Committee members will be drawn from five different UCGIS member institutions, and will reflect the full range of disciplines in Geographic Information Science. The Research Award Committee may also nominate additional research achievements for the award or choose to recommend that no award be given in a particular year.

The nominations for the 2006 UCGIS Research Award should be forwarded to Professor Timothy L. Nyerges, Chair of the UCGIS Research Committee, postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, 12th May 2006 by electronic mail (nyerges@u.washington.edu), regular mail (Prof. Timothy Nyerges, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195), or fax (206-543-3313). The award will be presented at the UCGIS 2006 Summer Assembly Council Meeting in Vancouver Washington on July 1, 2006.
