



University Consortium for GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE

Call for UCGIS Research Award Nominations

UCGIS invites nominations for its 2021 Research Award. This award is given to an individual who has made a particularly outstanding research contribution to geographic information science. This may include an outstanding peer-reviewed research work, or series of works, though other modes of expression will be considered, including patents, software packages, and non-refereed publications. This award is *not* for life-time achievement, but for a single contribution that was seminal and altered the science of geographic information.

Eligibility: All researchers worldwide are eligible for the award (excluding current members of the Research Committee or other individuals currently holding an elected or appointed UCGIS leadership position). Nominees need not be affiliated with a UCGIS member institution, though nominators must be. UCGIS particularly encourages nominations from minority and under-represented groups.

Nomination Process: Nominations for the award can only be made by individuals from UCGIS member institutions (www.ucgis.org/members). To nominate a researcher for the award, please prepare the following documents:

1. A letter that details the specific research contribution to GIScience for which the nominee is being nominated, including a justification for why this contribution is deserving of the Award (3 pages or less);
2. A current CV for the nominee, or a link to where a current one is online;
3. Additional letters of support are welcome but not required.

An online nomination form will be available after December 1, 2020, at the UCGIS Awards page (www.ucgis.org/awards), at which the requested documents can be uploaded. The deadline to submit a nomination is **Monday, February 15, 2021**.

Review Process: The main criterion for choosing the awardee(s) is impact of the research achievement on the theory and/or practice of GIScience or geographic information technology. The Research Award Committee, comprised of members of the Research Committee as well as a previous recipient of the award, reserves the right to not make an award in a given year. The award will be presented during the 2021 UCGIS Symposium, June 7 – June 11, 2021 (online).

Past Recipients of the UCGIS Research Award:

2020 – Helena Mitsova, North Carolina State University – Development in and for Open Source GIS

2019 – Keith Clarke, University of California, Santa Barbara – the SLEUTH Land Use/Land Cover Model

2018 – Helen Couclelis, University of California, Santa Barbara – Theory and Philosophy of GIScience
2017 – Dan Griffith, University of Texas at Dallas – Spatial Statistics and Spatial Data Analysis
2016 – Serge Rey, Arizona State University – Open-Source GIS and Spatial Analysis
2015 – Harvey Miller, Ohio State University – Space-Time GIScience
2014 – Richard Church, University of California, Santa Barbara – Location Analysis
2013 – Luc Anselin, Arizona State University – Spatial Econometrics
2012 – Michael Batty, College London – Urban Complexity and Simulation
2010 – Michael Goodchild, University of California, Santa Barbara – Spatial Data Accuracy
2009 – Hanan Samet, University of Maryland – Spatial Data Structures
2008 – Mike Worboys, University of Maine – Object-Oriented Modeling
2007 – Ron Eastman, Clark University – IDRISI GIS and Image Processing Software
2006 – Frederico Fonseca, Penn State University – Ontologies for GIS
2005 – Mei-Po Kwan, Ohio State University – Space-Time Algorithms and Visualizations
2004 – David Mark, SUNY, Buffalo – Cognitive and Linguistic Aspects of Spatial Relations
2003 – Max Egenhofer, University of Maine – Mathematical Theories Underpinning GIScience