



## *University Consortium for* **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE**

### **Call for UCGIS Innovation in GIScience Education Award Nominations**

UCGIS invites nominations for its 2020 Innovation in GIScience Education Award. This new biennial award is given to an individual who has contributed outstanding innovations to GIScience education. The award is intended to recognize innovative contributions of both national and international significance to GIScience education. GIS education innovations may include, but are not limited to:

- Implementing new ways to be inclusive and equitable in GIS Education, including access to geospatial technologies, including desktop, cloud, or high-performance computing.
- Developing innovative learning techniques (online and/or in classrooms or beyond).
- Enabling students to analyze new types of geospatial data or use emerging geospatial technologies (for example, mining geospatial content in social media, using cyberinfrastructure, or collecting data using drones).
- Developing opportunities that enable students to create rapid turn-around results to meet pressing community needs (e.g., developing protocols and strategies that allow students to quickly assist non-profit organizations or government entities in local emergencies)
- Creating curricula or coursework that embed opportunities for GIS students to participate in finding solutions to global crises (e.g., disease outbreaks, refugee crises, UN Sustainable Environment Goals, or Wicked Problems).
- Equipping GIS students to effectively disseminate authoritative geospatial scientific findings regarding complex societal issues (e.g., through training in science communication or visualization).

**Eligibility:** All educators worldwide are eligible for the award (excluding current members of the Education Award Committee or other individuals currently holding an elected UCGIS leadership position). Nominees need not be affiliated with a UCGIS member institution.

**Nomination process:** Nominations for the award can only be made by individuals from [UCGIS member institutions](#). Self-nominations are permitted. To nominate an educator for the award, prepare the following documents:

1. A letter that details the specific contributions to GIScience education 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 a current one online;
3. Additional letters of support are welcome but not required.

Once the documents are ready, the nomination form can be accessed at the [UCGIS Awards page \(www.ucgis.org/awards\)](http://www.ucgis.org/awards). **The deadline to submit a nomination is February 7, 2020.** This date will not be extended.

**Review process:** The main criterion for choosing the awardee(s) is demonstrated innovation in scholarship and/or the practice of GIScience education. The Education Award Committee, comprised of members of the Education Committee, reserves the right not to make an award in a given year. The award will be presented during the 2020 UCGIS Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii, May 28 – June 1, 2020.

Note that 2020 is the first year the UCGIS Innovation in GIScience Education Award will be offered. In future years, the award will alternate biennially with the UCGIS Lifetime Achievement in GIScience Education Award.

**Previous Recipients of the UCGIS Lifetime Achievement in GIScience Education Award, formerly known as the UCGIS Education Award:**

2001 Barbara Buttenfield	2005 David DiBiase	2009 David M. Mark	2015 Shashi Shekhar
2002 Michael Goodchild	2006 David Unwin	2010 Robert McMaster	2016 Diana Sinton
2003 Keith Clarke	2007 Duane Marble	2012 Bill Huxhold	2017 Ann Johnson
2004 Karen Kemp	2008 Michael Phoenix	2013 Ken Foote	2018 Jochen Albrecht