

Review and Selection Process for UCGIS Fellows

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The selection committee consists of all past UCGIS Fellows and the immediate past president, current president and president elect of UCGIS. Unless decided otherwise, the committee will select no more than two new fellows per year.

1. Upon tolling of the submission deadline, members of the selection committee will be requested to review the submitted documents for Fellow Candidates that will be shared via a secure UCGIS web application.
2. Assuming that two or more selection committee members request an online meeting and commit to participate, an online session will be scheduled within two weeks (e.g. using Zoom, WebEx, GoToMeeting, Skype, etc.) to provide an opportunity for members of the selection committee to discuss among themselves the candidates.
3. After reviewing the documentation for all candidates, Selection Committee members will receive an automated email asking them to rank vote whether they desire to name 0, 1 or 2 fellows in the current year. An online ranked voting service utilizing the instantaneous runoff voting method and providing anonymity for voters is provided at <http://www.opavote.org/> and will be used for the voting process. Committee members will be given a minimum of three days to cast their ranked votes.

(Note: See the ranked-choice voting (RCV) example for choosing among favorite ice creams at <http://www.opavote.org/> Although chocolate wins in straight voting among all of the flavor candidates, notice that vanilla is preferred by most voters when the choice comes down to chocolate versus vanilla as determined through the instantaneous runoff process.)

4. After determining the number of fellows to be named, Selection Committee members will be asked to rank-choice vote all of the candidates. The same online voting service as listed in step 3 will be used. Committee members will be given a minimum of three days to cast their ranked votes.

(Note: The vote distribution process in ranked voting when two or more candidates are to be selected from a field of candidates is more difficult to explain and illustrate. However, choosing two pizzas out of a field of five is illustrated at <http://www.opavote.org/results/108001/2> Wikipedia as well provides detailed explanations on ranked voting processes. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ranked_voting_systems and the example at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single_transferable_vote)

5. Upon closing of the polls, all Selection Committee members will be provided with the election results including the detailed graphs as generated from the online reporting system. All detailed results including who was nominated should be kept confidential even after the naming of the candidates selected.