



## AWARD CATEGORIES

Up to three (3) awards are available each year. Awardees will receive a WiGIS Plaque that will be shipped to their address; and they will also receive a complimentary 1-year license of ArcGIS for Personal Use and StoryMaps. All nominees must submit a complete application form available (in page 6) of this document. The description of each award nomination (including self-nomination) and selection process is as follows:

### **A) Distinguished Contributions to the Geospatial Field**

This award recognizes a woman who has made significant and long-term contributions using GIS/Geospatial technology in the development of and growth of the various disciplines where this technology has been applied.

**Nomination Process:** To nominate someone (or yourself) for the award, please submit a 1-to-2-page letter describing the significance and originality of the nominee's achievements and contributions to the geospatial field in terms of their enduring impact on the GIS field or profession, and their societal benefit. Send your nomination to [scholarship@womeningis.com](mailto:scholarship@womeningis.com)

**Selection Criteria\*:** Nominees will be rated on the significance of their work in terms of impact on the field and societal benefits.

### **B) WiGIS Young Professional Award**

This award recognizes the outstanding achievement of an early-career woman in the GIS/Geospatial field. Recipients of this award should have a *maximum* of five (5) years of experience working in a GIS-related discipline.

**Nomination Process:** To nominate someone (or yourself) for this award, please submit a letter describing the nominee's professional experience and achievements as well as their vision for future professional development. Send your nomination to [scholarship@womeningis.com](mailto:scholarship@womeningis.com)

**Selection Criteria\*:** Nominees will be rated on the importance and quality of their professional achievements and how it made an impact.

### **C) WiGIS Service Award:**

This award recognizes the contributions of a WiGIS volunteer. The recipient must be a member in good standing with WiGIS and must have committed to volunteering with WiGIS for at least two years.

**Nomination Process:** To nominate someone (or yourself) for this award, please submit a letter describing their contributions to WiGIS and the impact it has made on the organization and its mission.

**Selection Criteria\*:** Selection will be done by WiGIS based on the submitted letter, length of service, with bonuses for the creation of new initiatives. Send your nomination to [scholarship@womeningis.com](mailto:scholarship@womeningis.com)

**\*Decisions made by the committee and the Board of Directors in connection with the selection process will be final and requests for reconsideration will NOT be entertained.**



## SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

Up to six (6) scholarships are available each year in three (3) categories. Please see below for descriptions of the scholarships and application process:

### **A) Undergraduate Scholarships (\$500 each)**

This scholarship is provided for women studying in their undergraduate geospatial fields including but are not limited to Geography, Geoscience, Geographic Information systems, Geology, Environmental, Urban and Regional Planning, Geodesign, Engineering, and Geomatics.

Up to two (2) undergraduate scholarships will be awarded, each will provide US \$500 for the 2023/2024 academic year towards education expenses. Recipients will receive a complimentary one-year membership to WiGIS, which offers a myriad of job training opportunities, access to geospatial/GIS job portal, and other members benefits. They will also receive a complimentary 1-year license of ArcGIS for Personal Use and StoryMaps.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for consideration in this scholarship, the applicant must be:

1. An undergraduate student in good standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 [based on the US System or international equivalent] and must *not* be graduating this/or next semester.
2. Enrolled in a degree program (bachelor or associate) in a Higher Education Institution in a relevant geospatial field.
3. Must not be a past recipient of this Scholarship Category.

#### **How to Apply**

Submit **one PDF file** compiling the following documents to [scholarship@womeningis.com](mailto:scholarship@womeningis.com):

- Complete the application form, available (in page 6) of this document. Indicate the anticipated semester/year of graduation.
- A short statement [up to 300 words] explaining your goals and interest in the GIS/Geospatial field of study, justifying the need for educational support, and information about any training/internship you have completed or is currently underway that is relevant to your field of study.
- A copy of your unofficial transcript showing your cumulative GPA.
- One letter of support from an advisor, professor, supervisor, or professional mentor who is familiar with your work.

#### **Selection Criteria\***

Selection will be based on the applicant's financial need, impact of their study, and overall goals of contributing to GIS/Geospatial fields after graduation.

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## **B) Graduate Scholarships (\$1,000 each)**

This scholarship is provided for women studying in their Master or Doctoral degree in geospatial fields including but are not limited to Geography, Geoscience, Geographic Information systems, Urban and Regional Planning, Geodesign, and Geomatics.

Up to two (2) scholarships will be awarded, each will provide US \$1,000 for the 2023/2024 academic year towards education expenses. Recipients will receive a complimentary one-year membership to WiGIS, which offers a myriad of job training opportunities, access to geospatial/GIS job portal, and other members benefits. They will also receive a complimentary 1-year license of ArcGIS for Personal Use and StoryMaps.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for consideration in this scholarship, the applicant must be:

1. A graduate student in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or more and must not be graduating this/or next semester.
2. Enrolled in a Master's or Doctorate degree in any related geospatial field.
3. Must not be a past recipient of this Scholarship Category.

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- Complete the application form available (in page 6) of this document. Indicate the anticipated semester/year of graduation.
- A short statement [up to 300 words] explaining your goals and interest in the GIS/Geospatial field of study, justifying the need for educational support, and information about any training/internship/professional work you have completed or is currently underway that is relevant to your field of study.
- A copy of your *unofficial* transcript showing your cumulative GPA.
- One letter of support from an advisor, professor, supervisor, or professional mentor who is familiar with your work.

### **Selection Criteria\***

Selection will be based on the applicant's financial need, impact of their study, and overall goals of contributing to GIS/Geospatial fields after graduation.

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### **C) Grants for Professional or Academic Geospatial Work (\$2,000 each)**

This seed grant is for professional or academic women in the GIS/Geospatial fields and aims to provide an opportunity to expand the individual's teaching, research, or professional projects at any Institution or organization across the globe.

Up to two (2) grants, each will provide US \$2,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year to recognize women with outstanding track records in Geospatial technology, a deep commitment to find innovative solutions with the potential for high quality research or practice. Recipients will receive a complimentary one-year membership to WiGIS, which offers a myriad of job training opportunities, access to geospatial/GIS job portal, and other members benefits. They will also receive a complimentary 1-year license of ArcGIS for Personal Use and StoryMaps.

#### **Eligibility**

1. Professionals outside academia must have a master's degree with recognized professional standing and at least five years of relevant experience.
2. The applicant must have a degree from a recognized University.
3. Applicants must have an affiliation with a University / Organization / Institute / or practice
4. Should be engaged in research or professional practice related to GIS/Geospatial Fields.
5. Preference will be a faculty/researcher with at least five years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience.

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- A short statement [up to 300 words] explaining your goals and interest in the GIS/Geospatial field, justifying the need for this grant, and information about any professional work you have completed or currently underway that is relevant to your application.
- One letter of support from a colleague, mentor, or supervisor who is familiar with your work.

#### **Selection Criteria\***

Selection will be based on the applicant's overall eligibility assessment, relevance and potential contribution to the research/project, clarity and depth of the project description and the ability to accomplish the project within the timeframe.

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## APPLICATION FORM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Scholarship/Grant Applications Only:**

Academic Institution/ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status (Undergraduate / Graduate): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation (Semester / Year): \_\_\_\_\_

**For Award Applications Only:**

Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Time (in years) in relevant field(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State (N/A [if not applicable]): \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (including country code): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-US Applicants/Nominees understand that any award or scholarship money shall be disbursed in accordance with United States law.**

**Applicant/Nominee Disclaimer: All my statements and supporting documents are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.**

[Please Type]

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete application form and supplemental documents must be received by **January 31 (11:59 PM US Pacific Time)**. Application Package **must be submitted as one PDF File** to [scholarship@womeningis.org](mailto:scholarship@womeningis.org)

Decisions will be made/and applicants will be notified by the end of April 2023.