



2024 Call for Scholarship & Award Nominations

For Women in GIS/
Geospatial Fields

WiGIS Awards* recognize women's contributions to the Geospatial fields and the scholarships* provide funds for education expenses to undergraduate and graduate students and seed grants for women in the professional or academic sectors to support projects/ research in a myriad of geospatial areas.

Applications are accepted from women in any country/region. Underrepresented women are particularly encouraged to apply.

*For application and nomination guidelines, review the following pages of this document.

Awards

- Distinguished Contribution Award
- Young Professional Award
- WiGIS Service Award

Scholarships

Two scholarships in each category:

- Undergraduate (\$500)
- Graduate (\$1,000)
- Seed Grants for Practitioners and Academics (\$2,000)

Apply Online on [Womeningis.org](https://www.womeningis.org) by
February 21, 2024 to:

Send inquiries to: awards@womeningis.org

Women in GIS Awards and Scholarships Program

2024 Call for Applications and Nominations

The Awards and Scholarships Committee is pleased to invite you to apply for one of nine (9) available awards and scholarships in six (6) distinct categories. Applicants and nominees can apply online for one award or one scholarship only in any award cycle. Along with the recognition for each winner, **awardees and scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary one-year License for Esri ArcGIS for personal use and StoryMaps**. Women in GIS [WiGIS] will also provide all winners with a **complimentary one-year WiGIS membership**, which offers a myriad of job training opportunities, networking, access to geospatial/GIS job portal, and other members benefits.

. Please, carefully review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship and award before deciding on which category aligns best with your background and experience. The following are the available Awards and Scholarships:

Three (3) Awards

Awards are available in three (3) categories. Only nominees with complete applications will be considered:

- 1) Women in GIS Distinguished Contribution Award
- 2) Women in GIS Young Professional Award
- 3) Service to Women in GIS Award

Six (6) Scholarships (two in each category)

Scholarships are available in three (3) categories. Only complete applications with all supporting documents will be considered:

- 1) Graduate Student Scholarship (\$1,000)
- 2) Undergraduate Student Scholarship (\$500)
- 3) Grants for Practitioners and Academics (\$2,000)

AWARD CATEGORIES

Three (3) awards are available each year. Awardees will receive a **Women in GIS e-Certificate/e-Plaque and a cash prize for printing and framing** at the discretion of the awardees. They will also receive a complimentary one-year ArcGIS license for personal use and StoryMaps. All nominees must submit a complete online application as self-nomination or ask someone who is familiar with their work to complete the online nomination form. Below are the award categories and how to apply. Although self-nomination and nomination by others are accepted, we encourage applicants who would be self-nominated to acquire strong supporting letters from a mentor, co-worker, advisor, etc.

A) Women in GIS Distinguished Contributions Award

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

Nomination Process:

To nominate someone (or yourself) for this award, please complete the online nomination form (link is available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website). The nomination statement must address 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 the societal benefits.

Selection Criteria: Qualified nominees will be evaluated based on the significance of their work in terms of impact on the field and societal benefits.

B) Women in GIS 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 complete the online nomination form (link is available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website). The nomination statement must address the nominee's professional experience and achievements in the GIS/Geospatial field as well as their vision for future professional growth.

Selection Criteria: Nominees will be evaluated based on the importance and quality of their professional achievements and how they made an impact on the field and societal benefits.

C) Service to Women in GIS Organization Award:

This award recognizes the contributions of a former volunteer, committee member, or board member of the Women in GIS Organization. The recipient must be a current member in good standing with the organization and must have committed to volunteering with WiGIS or helping advance WiGIS mission -at any capacity- for at least two years.

Nomination Process:

To nominate someone (or yourself) for this award, please complete the online nomination form (link is available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website). The nomination statements must address the nominee's contributions to Women in GIS and the impact they have made on the organization and its mission.

Selection Criteria: Nominees will be evaluated based on length of service, with bonuses for the creation of new initiatives.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

Six (6) scholarships are available each year in three (3) distinct categories. Please see below for descriptions of the scholarships and how to apply:

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 2024/2025 academic year towards education expenses.

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 2.5 [based on the US Grade Point Average (GPA) System or international equivalent] and must *not* be graduating this year (2024).

2. Enrolled in a degree program (bachelor or associate) in a Higher Education Institution in a relevant geospatial field as explained before.
3. Must not be a past recipient of any WiGIS awards of scholarships in the past two cycles.

How to Apply

Submit a complete online application form (available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website).

- In the application, include a short statement 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 transcripts showing your cumulative GPA (if applicable).
- 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.

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) graduate/postgraduate scholarships will be awarded, each will provide US \$1,000 for the 2024/2025 academic year towards education expenses.

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 2.5 or more and must not be graduating in 2024.
2. Enrolled in a Master's or Doctorate degree in any related geospatial field.
3. Must not be a past recipient of any WiGIS awards of scholarships in the past two cycles.

How to Apply

Submit a complete online application form (available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website).

- In the application, include a short statement 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 transcripts showing your cumulative GPA (if applicable).
- 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.

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. This seed grant is for individuals NOT for organizations.

Up to two (2) grants, each will provide US \$2,000 for the 2024/2025 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, practice, or policy.

Eligibility

1. Women in the practice -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. Applicant should be engaged in research or professional practice related to GIS/Geospatial Fields.
5. Preference will be for a faculty/researcher or a practitioner with at least five years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience.

How to Apply

Submit a complete online application form (available on the main Call for Application page on Women in GIS website).

- In the application, include a short statement explaining your goals and interest in the GIS/Geospatial field of study, justifying the need for this grant, and information about any professional or research work you have completed or currently underway that is relevant to your application and your plans to complete the project.
- One letter of support from a colleague, mentor, or supervisor who is familiar with your research/project.

Selection Criteria

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

Complete application form and all supporting documents must be received by **Wednesday, February 21, 2024 (11:59 PM US Pacific Time)**.

Decisions will be made/and applicants will be notified by early May, 2024.