

2020 Esri Young Scholars Award

Esri Canada is pleased to announce the 2020 Esri Young Scholars Award program. The award is available to any student at a Canadian university or college subject to the terms and conditions listed below.

- Applicants need to have used Esri GIS technology to complete a project or conduct interesting research.
- Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program or have graduated within the current academic year (i.e., post-September 2019) from a university or college in Canada.
- The successful candidate's poster (see below under *What to Submit*) will be submitted to Esri for display at the User Conference in San Diego. All submissions must fully comply with U.S. Export laws and all other applicable laws.
- The successful candidate will be responsible for obtaining the necessary visas for their visit (if applicable).
- The successful candidate will need to have or create an [Esri Account](#) in order to attend the user conference.
- The successful candidate will need to submit a self-photo for inclusion in a Story Map of all the international winners.

Highlights of the Young Scholar program include:

- Airfare and living expenses (accommodations and per diem) for you to attend the annual [Education Summit @ Esri UC](#) (July 11-14, 2020) and [Esri User Conference](#) (UC, July 13-17, 2020) in San Diego, California.
- Complimentary registration for both conferences.
- Attending social events to meet other international Young Scholars.
- Displaying and presenting your work and interacting with other Young Scholar recipients at the UC Map Gallery Opening and Reception.
- Attending the Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award Ceremony to receive formal recognition for your award.
- Participating in the Facebook group for international Young Scholars.

What to submit

If you meet the terms and conditions and you would like to be considered for the award, you must submit the following **no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time Friday, February 28, 2020**:

- A poster that highlights the objectives, methods and results of your use of Esri technology and meets the following requirements. Additional guidelines for the poster are available at scholars.esri.ca.
 - Posters must be created **only by the applicant** (i.e. no group work).
 - Posters must be submitted in portable document format (PDF).
 - Poster orientation **must be portrait** for the display boards in San Diego and the dimensions must be 24" width x 36" height (60.96 cm x 91.44 cm).
 - For quality printing, all maps and graphics must be high resolution, minimum 300 dpi.

- A summary paper that explains your work. Additional guidelines for the paper are available at scholars.esri.ca.
 - Papers should be between 800-1000 words.
 - Include maps and additional diagrams as and where appropriate to explain your research.
- A personal statement describing your experience with GIS and why you want to attend the Esri UC.
 - Statement should not be longer than 2 pages, minimum 11 pt. font.
- Academic transcripts for all post-secondary education. (Official transcripts are not required; however, the transcripts must show cumulative average or an equivalent indication of standing. Graduate students and students enrolled in post-secondary diploma or certificate programs should provide a record of their undergraduate education.)
- Full contact information. (First and last name, email address, phone number, and mailing address.)
- Institution name and program of study.

Applications are to be submitted via the form available at scholars.esri.ca.

Selection criteria

Submissions will be judged based on content as well as poster design and presentation and paper organization and clarity.

Applicants' academic standing, experience with GIS and specifically Esri technology, and reasons for wanting to attend the Esri UC will also be taken into account.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us at highered@esri.ca.

We look forward to receiving your submission.

Best regards,

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