

Name of award: Honorary Membership

Definition: Given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of glaciology at a national or regional level. Honorary Membership is granted for life.

Criteria: Honorary Membership recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to glaciology, defined as any cryospheric study, at a national or regional level. The nominee should have made unique contributions to the field of glaciology with demonstrable impacts on a specific country or region. These contributions may include, but are not limited to, initiating or maintaining national glaciological monitoring and research programs, inspiring and promoting early-career scientists, or enhancing the status and visibility of glaciology in a country or region. Honorary Membership is specifically designed to increase the diversity of the IGS and promote IGS core values. Nominations of individuals from under-represented scientific fields, geographical locations or other groups are therefore encouraged. All IGS award nominees are expected to exhibit integrity and high ethical standards within the glaciological and wider communities, and to demonstrate and promote IGS core values.

Frequency: Nominations will be called for annually. One, or in exceptional cases, two awards may be given following each call for nominations.

Eligibility:

- The nominee need not be a member of the IGS at the time of nomination. A non-member will be encouraged to join if they are awarded the honour.
- There is no restriction on nominee career stage.
- No individual may receive the award more than once.
- Unless part of a group/team nomination, an individual may only be considered for one IGS award in any given year.

Nominations: The nominator may be anyone with sufficient knowledge of the nominee and must be a current member of IGS. Self-nominations are not accepted.

A nomination package should include:

1. A nomination letter (up to 3 pages) that explicitly articulates how the nominee meets the award criteria. Where appropriate, the letter should also discuss the nominee's achievements in relation to the opportunities and challenges with which they have been presented over their career, and how the nominee's membership would diversify and contribute to the IGS.
2. An abridged CV of the individual that is created by the nominator. Guidance will be provided as to the content to be included.
3. Three other letters of support (up to 2 pages each, excluding the signature page). Support letters from diverse groups and scientists at different career stages, including those mentored by the nominator, are encouraged.

The nomination and support letters may be multi-signatory, but any individual may sign only one of these letters (nomination or support) per candidate.