

Name of award: Richardson Medal

Definition: Given in recognition of outstanding service.

Criteria: The Richardson Medal shall be awarded to an individual or a collaborative group/team that has provided outstanding service to the International Glaciological Society and/or to the field of glaciology, defined as any cryospheric study. Service is to be interpreted broadly, and may include, but is not limited to (1) efforts to promote, grow or transform the Society and its activities, including its scientific publications, (2) education and outreach, including contributions that enhance public awareness and understanding of glaciology, (3) actions that inform policy around glaciological issues, (4) mentoring, and fostering the education, growth and involvement of early-career scientists and (5) academic and/or leadership activities promoting the discipline of glaciology at large. The service contribution(s) should have made a significant impact. 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(s) should ideally hold IGS membership or have a majority of IGS members
- There is no restriction on career stage(s) of the nominee(s).
- Unless part of a group/team, 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(s) 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(s) meets/meet the award criteria.
2. An abridged CV (up to 2 pages) of the individual or group/team 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 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 or group/team.