

## **J. ROSS MACKAY AWARD**

### **PURPOSE**

The J. Ross Mackay Award is to be presented annually by the CGRG in recognition of a significant research achievement by a young geomorphologist within Canada. The purpose of the award is to foster the development of geomorphology in Canada and to provide recognition of young scientists in this field.

### **CRITERIA**

1. The award is to be given for a significant research contribution to geomorphology. It may constitute either a single publication or a body of work of up to three papers, appearing within a five-year period previous to the nomination. Examples of a significant contribution include, but are not limited to, a synthesis or a regional study, a new concept, a significant advance in a subfield of geomorphology, or the development of a technique. In the case of contributions with multiple authors, the candidate must have assumed a lead role in the development of the work, and this role must be clearly explained in the nomination letter.

2. Recipients of the award must be:

- a member of one of the following: CGRG, AAQUA, CAG, CANQUA, CGU, or GAC.
- a Canadian citizen or resident working in Canada.
- within 12 years of graduation from a Ph.D., Masters or undergraduate program, OR under the age of 40 on December 31 of the year of the award.

### **ADJUDICATION**

Recommendations for the award are to be made to the Executive of the CGRG by the J. Ross Mackay Award Committee. The committee shall consist of five members, where possible, including:

- the past president, who acts as the Chair of the Committee, and
- at least one member from each of the constituent societies.

Nominations for the committee will be solicited by the CGRG Past President in their capacity as Chair of the Committee. Members of the Committee may serve a mandate of up to two (2) years.

### **NOMINATION**

- Nominations are to be made in a letter to the Chair of the Award Committee signed by two members of the CGRG who were not the supervisor of the nominee.
- The Letter of Nomination should:

1. identify the 'nominees' contribution in a concise statement,
  2. indicate whether the nomination is based on a single contribution (paper) or a body of work (up to three papers published within the previous five years).
  3. indicate the paper(s) that form the basis of the contribution or body of work, and
  4. provide reasons why the research contribution is considered significant and worthy of award.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a current c.v. and a digital copy(s) of the publication(s) representing the contribution.
  - Letters of Support from other CGRG members, including the nominee's supervisor(s), may also accompany the nomination package.

The Awards Committee will maintain a file on each nominee which will remain active for two years. The file may be updated by the nominators in the following year.

### **THE J. ROSS MACKAY AWARD**

The award will be a plaque and, in the spirit of J. Ross Mackay, a bottle of single malt whisky. The award winner will be invited to give the J. Ross Mackay Lecture at a CGRG-sponsored meeting or special session.

The criteria for the award will be to identify the contribution, for example:

"awarded to Dr. X for her explanation of asymmetry in stream meanders".

"awarded to Dr. Y. for his numerical modelling of rockfalls".

"awarded to Dr. Z. for her study of climate, tectonics, and landscape evolution on the Western Plains".

### **ANNUAL TIMETABLE**

- early Fall: call for nominations (CGRG and other listservers)
- mid-November closing date for nominations.
- Committee recommendation to CGRG Executive by January 31.
- CGRG President notifies the award winner.
- Call for nominations for the new committee (Spring Newsletter, CANGEORG)
- Presentation of the Award and J. Ross Mackay Lecture at the CGRG AGM, or a CGRG-sponsored meeting or special session.