

## Esri Young Scholars Award – FAQ for Canada’s 2019 Competition

### Award Details

Q: What will the winning student receive?

A: The student who wins the Esri Young Scholar Award will receive complimentary registration for the [Education Summit @ Esri UC](#) and [International Esri User Conference](#); airfare to and from San Diego; hotel and per diem for their stay in San Diego; an acrylic award; a photo with Jack Dangermond; and an ArcGIS for Personal Use license.

Registration, transportation, accommodation and per diem will be coordinated by Esri Canada in consultation with the winning student.

Q: Will a conference pass be issued for both the Education Summit and UC?

A: Yes, both the Education Summit @ Esri UC and the International UC are included.

Q: How many nights’ accommodation will be covered?

A: Seven nights maximum (check-in no earlier than Friday, July 5; check-out no later than Friday, July 12). The student must provide a hotel receipt.

Arrangements will be made for the student to share accommodations with Esri Canada staff unless the student has a specific need for individual accommodations. In the latter case, there may be a maximum dollar amount that is covered per night with the student responsible for anything over that amount.

Q: Will Esri pay for the student’s Visas?

A: No. Students will need to make their own arrangements for a Tourist Visa, if needed.

Q: Will transportation be reimbursed for the student once they arrive?

A: No. Car rentals and limo or taxi services are not authorized for reimbursement, other than travel to and from respective airports.

Q: What special events will there be for the international Young Scholars?

A: Young Scholars will have a social event during the Education Summit to meet and network; will be on hand to discuss their posters in the special display area during the Map Gallery Opening and Reception; and will attend the Special Achievement in GIS award ceremony to receive their award and take a group photo with Jack Dangermond. Date, time and location for these events and any others that may be of interest to the Young Scholars will be sent prior to the conference.

Note that participation in all special events for Young Scholars is required.

Q: When will the student receive their award and take a group photo?

A: This will be a joint event at the SAG Award Ceremony.

Q: What should the winner do to get the most out of the conference?

A: Esri will provide an agenda for the Young Scholars activities.

The winner should consult with members of Esri Canada's Education and Research group for suggested seminars/presentations/events.

### **Eligibility and Application**

Q: If the student graduated within the last year, are they eligible?

A: Students who officially graduated, meaning they received their degree, diploma or certificate, prior to September 2018 and are not currently enrolled in a full-time program are not eligible.

Students who officially graduated in September 2018 or later or who have completed their program requirements and are not enrolled in any courses for the Winter 2019 term but have not yet officially graduated may be eligible. They should contact [highered@esri.ca](mailto:highered@esri.ca) to confirm their eligibility before submitting an application.

Q: Can students who applied last year but were unsuccessful apply again?

A: Yes. Previous applicants, whether they were successful or unsuccessful, may apply again provided they meet all of the requirements.

Q: How will the winner be selected? Are there any specific criteria?

A: The winner will be selected by a panel of judges.

Applicants must have used Esri technology to complete a thesis/research project or conduct interesting research. They must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a Canadian college or university, or have very recently graduated (see above).

To apply, students must submit a poster and a summary paper on their project or research. Format requirements can be found at <https://scholars.esri.ca/eys-application/>. They must also submit a personal statement describing their experience with GIS and why they want to attend the Esri UC, an academic transcript and full contact information. Official, hard copy transcripts are not required. Transcripts obtained through a college or university's online system will be accepted.

The winner will be asked to submit a photo to be used in a Story Map of the international winners.

Q: Can more than one winner be selected?

A: No. Esri's program will accommodate only one student.

However, Esri Canada may choose to award honourable mentions to a small number of students at its discretion.

Q: What will happen with the submitted posters?

A: The winner's poster will be sent to Esri for display during the UC. All submissions (candidates) therefore must fully comply with U.S. Export laws and all other applicable laws.

A selection of posters from non-winners may be displayed throughout the year at Esri Canada User Conferences or other education events sponsored by Esri Canada and may also be displayed online.

Q: Will the student be responsible for printing and bringing their own work for display?

A: No. Esri Graphics department will print their work. For quality printing we need high resolution .pdf or .png file in the range of 300 dpi.

Any other questions can be addressed to [highered@esri.ca](mailto:highered@esri.ca).