

## 2021 Esri Young Scholars Award

Esri Canada is pleased to announce the 2021 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 2020) 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 the virtual Map Gallery. All submissions must fully [comply with U.S. Export laws](#) and all other applicable laws, including [copyright laws](#).
- The successful candidate will need to submit a self-photo for inclusion in a Story Map of all the international winners.
- Applicants' story maps (see below under *What to Submit*) must be public and may be publicized by Esri Canada.

\*excluding residents of Quebec

### *Prizes*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1500 and registration for the Esri User Conference (virtual only, July 12-15, 2021) and Education Summit @ Esri UC (virtual only, July 10-13, 2021)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$1000
- Up to two (2) additional prizes of \$500 and Esri Press eBooks may be awarded to meritorious students at the discretion of the judges.

The winner of the award will also participate in the Facebook group for Young Scholars and a virtual social event during the UC to meet other 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 p.m.** Eastern Time **Friday, April 23, 2021**:

- 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](https://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**, 24" wide x 36" high (60.96 cm x 91.44 cm).
  - For quality printing, all maps and graphics must be high resolution, minimum 300 dpi.

- A story map that explains the work presented in the poster. Additional guidelines for the story map are available at [scholars.esri.ca](https://scholars.esri.ca).
  - Story maps must be public (shared with everyone).
  - Story maps should complement the contents of the poster. Include maps, diagrams and images as and where appropriate to explain your research.
- A personal statement describing your experience with GIS and your future plans using GIS.
  - 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](https://scholars.esri.ca).

#### *Selection criteria*

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

Applicants' academic standing, experience with GIS and specifically Esri technology will also be taken into account.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us at [scholars@esri.ca](mailto:scholars@esri.ca).

We look forward to receiving your submission.

Best regards,

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