

IUGS-COGE Chris King Medal Terms of Reference (ToR)

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Rationale of the Award

The IUGS-COGE administers the Chris King Medal (CKM) to honor outstanding educators who have made significant contributions to geoscience education. This biennial award commemorates the legacy of Professor Chris King and his pivotal role in advancing geoscience education globally. By recognizing excellence in the field, the CKM aims to inspire future generations of educators and promote the continued growth and relevance of geoscience education worldwide.

Purpose

The aims of this award is recognizing in the figure of Professor Chris King, the work of geosciences educators who have distinguished themselves by their magisterial work and vocation of service, efficiency, moral and ethical values at any educational level; their commitment, sacrifices, and achievements to the activities of Geosciences education, example of consecration that with no less than 10 years of uninterrupted work in this field and have contributed to the development of Earth Sciences, outreach, education and to the integral training of young professionals and technicians.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

Eligible candidates must be current or retired geoscience educators with at least 10 years of experience. Candidates will be evaluated based on their exceptional contributions in the following areas:

1. Eligibility Criteria (Basic Requirements)

- Minimum 10 years of continuous work in geoscience education.
- Demonstrated leadership in Earth Sciences education, outreach, and professional training
- A record of significant contributions to educational resource development, teaching, and mentorship

2. Excellence Criteria (Evaluation Areas)

Candidates will be assessed based on their exceptional contributions in:

- Innovative teaching methods
- Development of educational resources
- Impact on students engagement, mentorship, outreach programs, and broader educational initiatives
- Professional service and leadership

- length of and continuity of service
- Recognition & Legacy; Acknowledgments from national or international bodies, awards, leadership in professional associations.

Nomination Process

Candidates for the **Chris King Medal** must be proposed by a **recognised geoscience institution** and supported by an **IUGS member**. Complete nomination packages must be submitted according to the guidelines specified on this ToR.

Nominations will be reviewed by an international panel of experts in the field of geoscience education. They must provide the following documents about the candidate:

- ② A CV (about 1 page) and a list of up to 05 selected publications or projects. It should also highlight membership and leadership in different associations, recognition at national/international level, that show the focus on geoscience education.
- ② A concise statement of achievements for merits in the field (no more than 250 words).
- ② A brief encomium of the candidate and his/her work (no more than 500 words).

Proposals must be submitted through an email to: contact_iugscoge@iugscoge.org, with the subject “Nomination for the Chris King Medal”

The successful nominee will be decided by the Awards Committee of IUGS-COGE.

Award Benefits

The awardees will receive a medal and a platform to showcase their work and share their knowledge with the education community through a webinar or workshop. They will be presented on the IUGS-COGE website and social media links of COGE every two years and featured at the COGE Session during the International Geological Congress.

Timeline

- ② Call for applications: 6 months before the award ceremony
- ② Application deadline: 3 months before the award ceremony
- ② Review of applications: 2 months before the award ceremony
- ② Announcement of awardee: 1 month before the award ceremony
- ② Award ceremony: Biannually on a date and location to be determined.