

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 recognize 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

Nominations for the Chris King Medal for Excellence in Geoscience Education must be submitted by a recognized geoscience institution and endorsed by an IUGS member. Nominators must complete the official Nomination Form and ensure all required documents listed in its checklist section are attached. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

A complete nomination package must include:

- ☐ The Nomination Form, fully filled and signed.
- ☐ A 1-page Resume of the nominee highlighting roles, recognitions, and contributions related to geoscience education.
- ☐ A 1-page statement of achievements summarizing the nominee's impact and recognition at national/international level (no more than 500 words).
- ☐ A list of selected publications or projects (up to 05 entries).
- ☐ At least one letter of support from a recognized institution, which must include a brief encomium summarizing the nominee's work and influence (no more than 500 words).

Each nomination will be reviewed by the IUGS-COGE Awards Committee, which will verify the complete package is submitted. Then evaluation will be done by an international panel of experts in geoscience education.

the nomination package must be submitted by email to contact_iugscoge@iugscoge.org with the subject line: "Nomination for the Chris King Medal."

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

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