



University Consortium for GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE

The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) is a non-profit scientific and educational organization comprised of 60+ member and affiliate institutions. It was established in 1995 to advance research in the field of Geographic Information Science, expand and strengthen multidisciplinary Geographic Information Science education, and advocate policies for the promotion of the ethical use of and access to geographic information and technologies, by building and supporting scholarly communities and networks. UCGIS is the hub for the GIS research and education community in higher education in the United States.

Learn

- **Specialized Training Courses for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty:** With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), UCGIS hosts and supports week-long summer schools for graduate students in key GIScience topics. These summer schools focus on building practical experiences working with CyberGIS at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). In [2017](#) and [2019](#), 30 graduate students from UCGIS member institutions were invited to the fully-supported summer program at UIUC where they were able to learn and connect with future scholars from UCGIS member institutions. Future events are being planned!
- **Priority or Exclusive Access to UCGIS Webinars and Workshops:** UCGIS presents an ongoing [series of workshops and webinars](#) on a range of topics within GIScience. Member institutions receive early notification and priority or exclusive registration for all UCGIS programs.
- **Discounted Registration to Online Courses from the Institute for Statistics Education:** UCGIS members receive a 25% discount on registration for courses offered by the [Institute for Statistics Education](#).
- **Open Access to the GIST Body of Knowledge (BoK):** As its steward, UCGIS maintains and publishes the one and only [Geographic Information Science and Technology Body of Knowledge \(GIST BoK\)](#). This resource for students, educators, and professions documents the core knowledge for our discipline and serves as a comprehensive touchstone for our dynamic discipline. In forthcoming versions, UCGIS affiliated members will have free access to additional analytical functionality.



Lead

- **Career-Enhancement and Leadership Programs for Women in the Geospatial Sciences:** In partnership with the University of Maine and the National Science Foundation (NSF), UCGIS hosts and supports the [Training and Retaining Leaders in STEM-Geospatial Sciences \(TRELIS\)](#), a unique professional and resource development

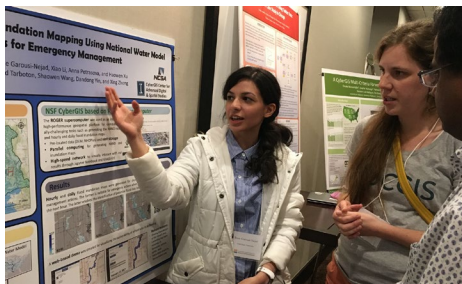
program for women in the geospatial sciences. The first TRELIS workshop was held in [May 2018 in Madison, Wisconsin](#), the second took place in [June 2019 in Washington, D. C.](#), and the third has been held virtually during the 2020-21 year. A 4th Cohort will meet in 2022, in-person, together with former cohorts during a celebratory ALL-TRELIS day.

- **Eligibility to Hold National-Level Leadership Positions:** All members of the [UCGIS Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Members](#) are elected or appointed members from within the community of UCGIS member institutions.



Connect

- **Inclusion in the Global UCGIS Academic Network and Community of Experts:** Our amazing network of 60+ member institutions is our greatest resource. UCGIS is dedicated to supporting connections between members and institutions within the UCGIS community through our programs, initiatives, and social platforms.
- **Free or Heavily Discounted Registration to the UCGIS Annual Symposium:** UCGIS' week-long annual symposium is an amazing opportunity to share, learn, and network within the GIScience community. Workshop participation is included in the free registration for UCGIS members.
- **Collaboration and Research Enhancement:** UCGIS supports and collaborates with our institutional members and partners to engage in basic and applied research and [produce grant proposals](#). Recent examples include the [Open Knowledge Network for Spatial Decision Support](#), and we keep the proposals flowing!
- **Eligibility to Make Nominations for our Annual Awards and Our Fellows Program:** Each year UCGIS recognizes leaders in the GIScience community with our [Education Award](#), [Education Award](#), [Carolyn Merry Memorial Mentoring Award](#), and [Fellows Program](#). While exemplary scholars worldwide are eligible recipients for any of our awards or for the fellows program, nominations can only be made by members of UCGIS institutions and partners.



- **Eligibility for Student Scholarship Awards:** Each year during the annual Symposium, UCGIS highlights the scholarly achievements of students from UCGIS member institutions with our Student Scholarship Awards. [Five students received awards for their poster presentations in 2020](#). At our 2021 online Symposium, student awards will be available for student papers, lightning talks, and poster presentations.

- **Unlimited Free Postings on the UCGIS Job Board:** Active postings on our [job listings site](#) are also heavily advertised on our social media accounts. Non-members pay a \$200 fee per post for this service.

Our activities are possible because of our member institutions, and in turn we enable the faculty, academic staff, and students of our member institutions to participate and contribute. Our size allows us to be both flexible and responsive in support of our members, while our scope reaches throughout the geospatial academic community in higher education. Have your voice be heard within that community by being part of the UCGIS network.

Find us at www.ucgis.org, or send a note to manageucgis@gmail.com to learn more.