



## Carolyn Merry Mini-Grants

The Carolyn Merry Mini-Grant program is designed to encourage continued discussion and personal growth around the TRELIS workshop themes of career trajectories & leadership development, mentoring & coaching, communication & language, reaching solutions for obstacles & conflicts, and work-life integration. Participants will be eligible to propose career-advancing activities they can pursue in the year following their workshop.

This grant program is named in memory of Carolyn Merry, professor emerita of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering at Ohio State University and former President of UCGIS. Dr. Merry was particularly known for her remarkably strong and effective mentoring of women and junior scholars, and in her honor UCGIS also established the Carolyn Merry Mentoring Award in 2016.

For the TRELIS program, we will support **up to five** participants from each workshop through small, post-workshop grants of **up to \$2000 each**. Two individuals can work together on a joint proposal with a combined budget of up to \$4000. Examples of the types of activities that may be supported under this plan include travel to present completed TRELIS-related research at an international geospatial conference; participation in a summer geospatial short course for professional development; travel and living expenses to collaborate on a TRELIS-related project with another workshop participant or coach; a mini-research study that could generate new knowledge for our geospatial community; or organization of a local or regional, short-format version of lessons learned during the TRELIS workshop. In short, we welcome any interesting proposals or ideas that address the overarching goals of TRELIS.

Application process:

- 1) Prepare a proposal that has the following information and responds to the following questions (max of 4 pages)
  - a. Title of proposed project
  - b. Names of individuals involved with this project (if you are applying as a group)
  - c. What is your proposed idea? Include as many of the workflow and logistical details as possible.
  - d. How does the program relate to the TRELIS themes and objectives?
  - e. In what ways will the project or activity support or advance your career?
  - f. In what ways will the project or activity support or inform your peers, your students, or your work colleagues?

- 2) Projects or activities should take place between August 2019 and June 2020.
- 3) Proposals are due by **Friday July 12, 2019** and should be sent as a PDF email attachment to Diana Sinton.
- 4) Proposals will be evaluated on four criteria:
  - a. How well the proposed activity promotes TRELIS-related professional development for the TRELIS Fellow or women in the GIScience community broadly
  - b. How well the proposed activity aligns with TRELIS themes and objectives
  - c. The feasibility of the proposed project for a year time frame
  - d. The potential to generate broader impacts from the activity
- 5) The review committee will consist of at least 3 members of the TRELIS leadership team, and a Mini-Grant Awardee from a previous cohort.
- 6) Applicants will be informed of decisions by **Thursday August 1, 2019**.
- 7) Awardees must complete a final report on their activity and share their activities with subsequent cohorts of TRELIS Fellows in a manner that is suited to the activity and awardees' situations. For example, it could be a brief webinar, podcast, or an in-person presentation at a subsequent TRELIS workshop or UCGIS Symposium and/or a published piece in a professional journal or website.
- 8) TRELIS organizers may decide to award only part of the grant request or decide to reduce the number of awards in a given year. The decision of the TRELIS team will be considered final.