



Call for Nominations: UCGIS Carolyn Merry Mentoring Award

UCGIS invites nominations for its 2017 Carolyn Merry Mentoring Award, given to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional mentoring abilities and practices. Professor Carolyn Merry embodied the spirit of a mentor by sharing her wisdom and experience with colleagues, particularly junior scholars, as a scientist, educator, and academic leader. Dr. Merry, professor emerita of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering at The Ohio State University, was known for her scholarship and leadership in remote sensing and geographic information science. Her research offered creative insights for monitoring and analyzing water quality, bathymetry, forest inventory, and watershed characteristics. In addition to leadership roles as department chair at her university and president of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), she served from 2002 to 2004 on the executive committee of UCGIS. While UCGIS President, Carolyn's leadership style reflected her strengths as a mentor. During and after meetings, she was known for her engagement with participants and careful listening during every conversation. The goal of the Carolyn Merry Mentoring Award is to recognize her commitment to mentoring and the investment of others who share this philosophy.

Evidence of exceptional mentoring service may include (but not be limited to):

- Distinguishing characteristics of mentoring activities such as:
 - Offering sound counsel and valuable information that positively advances the career of mentees;
 - Generously sharing his/her time to evaluate and critique scholarship and/or instruction;
 - Publically promoting the activities of the mentee;
 - Involving mentees in research projects such as grants and publications;
 - Behaving as a role model by promoting excellence within the discipline and to the broader community;
- The reach and long-term impact of the mentoring efforts;
- The efforts made toward supporting women and other underrepresented minorities involved with GIScience.

Eligibility: Any scholar demonstrating strong mentoring and mentoring leadership in GIScience is eligible for the award. Individuals need not be affiliated with a UCGIS member institution to be nominated.

Nomination process: Nominations for the award can only be made by individuals from UCGIS member institutions. To nominate an individual for the Mentoring award, please submit the following to Shashi Shekhar (shekhar@cs.umn.edu), UCGIS President Elect, by **Wednesday February 8, 2017**:

1. A letter that details the ways in which the nominee has demonstrated excellence in mentoring (3 pages or less);
2. A current CV for the nominee, or a link to where a current one is online;
3. Additional letters of support are welcome but not required.

Review process: The main criterion for choosing the awardee is demonstrated impact on and commitment to mentoring activities. The Mentoring Award Review Committee, consisting of the UCGIS President Elect, one other Board member, and a previous recipient of this award, reserves the right not to make an award in a given year. The award will be presented during the 2017 UCGIS Symposium in Arlington, VA, May 23 – May 25, 2017.