



Regulations for

The NKG Young Scientist Award

The Young Scientist Award by the Nordic Geodetic Commission – NKG – recognises scientific and professional achievements made by a young scientist in support of NKG aims in the Nordic/Baltic area. The purpose of the Award is to highlight important contributions by young scientists within NKG.

A young scientist is a student, a PhD candidate, or a practising scientist who received their highest certificate (e.g., BSc, MSc, or PhD) within the past ten years. This ten-year period can be extended to account for time spent away from scientific work because of, but not limited to, caregiving and/or parental responsibilities, disability, personal illness, community obligations or national service. There is no formal age limit, but 40 years may be considered a guideline.

The Award is typically presented at two-year intervals on the occasion of major NKG events like the NKG General Assembly, the NKG Summer/Autumn School or the NKG Science Week. A person is eligible to receive the Young Scientist Award only once.

Award Committee and Terms

The Award Committee consists of five NKG Presidium members, who should preferably come from five different NKG countries:

- The NKG President;
- The NKG Secretary;
- Two persons appointed from the Presidium;
- One working group Chair.

The Award Committee prepares the call, receives nominations, suggests the Awardee to the Presidium, and the Presidium decides.

The Award Committee is normally elected for a four-year period by the NKG Presidium in its first meeting after the NKG General Assembly. This committee is responsible for all NKG awards.

The NKG Presidium reserves the right to not confer the Award.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations for the Award should normally be submitted to the NKG Secretary four months before the event for the award ceremony. The precise date is given in the call for nominations.

Only members of the NKG can nominate candidates for the Award. Nominations for the Award are not automatically renewed for the next period.



Self-nominations are accepted. NKG Presidium members (that are not WG chairs) cannot be nominated for the Award during their terms of service.

Nominations should include the following items and be written in English:

- The full name, address, age, academic and/or professional qualifications and position of the candidate;
- Motivation for the nomination (~one page) including a general summary of the candidate's contribution to NKG;
- A curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications;
- In case of self-nomination, the name and address of two references who could be consulted.

Selection of Candidates and Confidentiality

The Award Committee members must prevent conflicts of interest during the selection procedure acting as independently as possible.

The Award Committee exclusively discusses and votes in a face-to-face or virtual meeting. Each Award Committee member has one vote. Award Committee members are expected to maintain strict confidentiality regarding the discussion leading to the selection of the Awardee until the NKG Presidium approves and the decision has been communicated to the successful candidate.

The Awardee is invited to the NKG event and will receive a NKG honorary diploma.