Medals and Awards

Royal Geographical Society with IBG

Advancing geography and geographical learning

List and descriptions 2025

Gold Medals - Founder's and Patron's Medals for the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery. The two Gold medals are both approved by His Majesty The King.

Victoria Medal for conspicuous merit in research in geography.

Busk Medal for conservation research or for fieldwork abroad in geography or in a geographical aspect of an allied science.

Cherry Kearton Medal and Award for a traveller concerned with the study or practice of natural history, with a preference for those with an interest in nature photography, art or cinematography.

Murchison Award for publications judged to contribute most to geographical science in preceding recent years.

Back Award for applied or scientific geographical studies which make an outstanding contribution to the development of national or international public policy.

Cuthbert Peek Award for those advancing geographical knowledge of human impact on the environment through the application of contemporary methods, including those of earth observation and mapping.

Gill Memorial Award for the encouragement of geographical research in early career researchers* who have shown great potential (*defined as within 10 years of completing their PhD).

Ordnance Survey Awards in recognition of excellence in geography education at the secondary level.

Taylor and Francis Award for excellence in the promotion and practice of teaching and learning in Higher Education.

Ness Award for travellers, particularly those who have successfully popularised geography and the wider understanding of our world and its environments.

Geographical Award for a company or individual that had provided outstanding (non-commercial) support for individuals or groups learning through scientific expeditions; **or** for an expedition(s) that has had a significant impact in inspiring <u>and</u> raising the understanding of geographical issues among schools or the public.

Honorary Fellowship for service to the cause of geography or to the work of the Society.* (*It is expected that a recipient's activities over a number of years will have resulted in a substantive benefit to the discipline of geography or to the Society, beyond any contribution arising from the recipient's regular employment).

Honorary Membership for outstanding services and contributions to a geographical dimension of public life.

Professional Geography Award for recognition of excellence in the use of geography in professional practice.

Geographical Engagement Award to recognise excellence in public engagement in relation to geographical issues and/or geography through the media, design or other means.