

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is included in the award the student receives?

A: The student will receive free registration to the Education UC and International UC, hotel and per diem for their stay in San Diego, acrylic award, group photo with Jack Dangermond, and an ArcGIS Personal Use license.

Q: Can students who applied last year but were unsuccessful apply again?

A: Yes. Previous winners may also apply a second time.

Q: What special events will there be for the Young Scholar winners?

A: Young Scholars will have the opportunity to display their work in the Esri map gallery.

Q: Are there any specific criteria?

A: Yes. The student needs to have used Esri technology to complete a thesis/research project or conduct interesting research.

Q: Can more than one winner be selected?

A: No. Esri's programme will accommodate only one student.

Q: Who can enter?

A: Any Student registered at an accredited University located within the distribution region area of Esri South Africa. Countries included are South Africa, eSwatini, Lesotho and Mauritius.

Q: How does the student receive their Personal Use License?

A: Esri South Africa will provide the licence via an email to winners chosen email address.

Q: If the student already graduated within the last year, are they eligible?

A: Yes, if the scholar graduated in the 2024 calendar year then they are still eligible.

Q: What special events will there be for the Young Scholar winners?

A: Young Scholars will have a social event to meet and network, gather at the Special Display next to all of the posters, and attend Special Achievement in GIS Award Ceremony to receive the acrylic award and a group photo with Jack.

Q: We want to ensure that the winner gets the most out of the conference as possible, are you able to suggest other activities for the winner to take part in?

A: We will provide an agenda to include the Young Scholars for activities and the student should work with Esri South Africa for suggested seminars.

Q: What are some examples of projects that should be submitted?

A: A map, an outstanding research paper, software development, or application of ArcGIS in a special setting such as promoting education, conservation, disaster response, urban planning, business, engineering, social science, etc. Students would be required to summarise their work in the form of a poster with maps that express or visualise their project effort.

Q: Will the student be responsible for printing and bringing their own work for display?

A: No, Esri Creative Lab will print their work. For quality printing we need high resolution .pdf or .png file in the range of 300 dpi.

Q: Do you need a US Visa for travelling to San Diego, California?

A: Yes, the winner will be guided by team Esri South Africa on the process of obtaining a US Visa.