



## **Distinguished Scholar in the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute** *Definition and Guidelines*

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The Natural Resource and Environmental Studies Institute (NRESi) recognizes that every so often one of our members will have a profound influence on the Institute and its membership. To recognize this extraordinary contribution in the past 12 months, the Institute has created the 'Distinguished Scholar' award.

### **Definition of a Distinguished Scholar**

A Distinguished Scholar in the NRESi will have demonstrated a profound influence on interdisciplinary and/or applied research or service relating to natural resources and/or environment in British Columbia. This contribution will have been well beyond normal job-related duties and will set an example for all members.

A Distinguished Scholar will have clearly demonstrated substantial contribution(s) and achievement(s) over the past 12 months in at least one of the following:

- 1) substantial leadership of interdisciplinary research program(s) within NRESi;
- 2) a direct and significant influence on the growth and development of the NRESi;
- 3) a significant contribution to interdisciplinarity and research of graduate students;
- 4) development of integrative research or service collaborations that extend the scope and recognition of NRESi;
- 5) single projects or activities relating to substantial engagement, education and knowledge development and/or exchange related to natural resources and environmental studies themes.

### **Process for awarding NRESi Distinguished Scholars**

Distinguished Scholars are NRESi members nominated by their NRESi member peers (rather than through application), submitted to the Steering Committee through the NRESi Research Manager. The nomination will include a letter of nomination and may include other documentation that clearly demonstrates the exemplary contribution made by the nominee. The Steering Committee will make the final decision on the awarding of all Distinguished Scholars.

### **The Award**

Recipients of NRESi Distinguished Scholar will receive a framed certificate along with a small gift bearing an inscription with the name of the recipient, as well as the nature and date of the award. Distinguished Scholars will be awarded at the start of the NRESi Annual Lecture or at another NRESi event. Individuals are able to receive this recognition multiple times over their career, when substantial achievements are realized and the above criteria are met. As warranted, more than one NRESi Distinguished Scholar may be awarded in a given year. A page on NRESi's website will also be developed to publically honour award recipients.