



NRESi's Community Advancement Award in Natural Resources and Conservation Practice *Definition and Guidelines*

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The Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute (NRESi) members are among many in the central-north of British Columbia that conduct disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and service relating to thoughtful development of natural resources while conserving our environment. To recognize such individuals and organizations external to the NRESi that have made considerable contributions in our geographic area and whose work is consistent with the NRESi motto: "Our environment is our future", the NRESi has created the 'Community Advancement' award in Natural Resources and Conservation Practice.

Definition of a Community Advancement Award

The recipient of a *Community Advancement award* will have demonstrated a broad influence on the development of natural resources and/or the conservation of our environment, through interdisciplinary research or service to communities in the central-north of B.C.. These contributions will have gone well beyond the nominee's normal job-related duties and will set an example for all British Columbians in sustainable landscape and/or resource management. Nominees for this award may be from government, non-government organizations, universities, contract researchers, or other associations.

A recipient of the *Community Advancement award* will have clearly demonstrated substantial contributions and achievements, in areas such as the following:

- 1) substantial leadership of interdisciplinary research, service or knowledge exchange in or from the central-north of British Columbia;
- 2) significant contributions and/or influence on issues in keeping with core NRESi values reflecting the importance of understanding and conserving our environment;
- 3) significant contribution to the research and/or development of graduate students (where appropriate);
- 4) development of integrative and applied research collaborations.

Process for awarding NRESi's Community Advancement Award

Recipients of the Community Advancement award are individuals external to the NRESi that are nominated by NRESi members, submitted to the Steering Committee via the NRESi Research Manager. The nomination should include a letter of nomination and may also include other documentation, both of which clearly demonstrate the exemplary contributions made by the nominee. The Steering Committee will make the final decision on the awarding of all Community Advancement Awards.

The Award

Recipients of NRESi's Community Advancement award 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. Those receiving this recognition will also receive either an NRESi membership for the individual or the organization through their designated contact person. Community Advancement award recipients will be awarded and/or acknowledged at the start of the NRESi Annual Lecture or at another NRESi event. A page on NRESi's website will also be developed to publically honour award recipients.