

ESA Biogeosciences Awards: Call for Nominations

Applications for all awards must be sent to esabiogeoscience@gmail.com by **June 7, 2019**

Details for the section's three awards are below:

1. Best paper awards (early-career scientist and graduate student)
2. Best oral presentation by a graduate student
3. Student travel grants

We are also soliciting judges for the Outstanding Paper and Student Presentation awards. Please contact Devin McMahon (section secretary) at esabiogeoscience@gmail.com to help recognize and support early-career scientists by serving as an awards judge in 2019.

1. Junior Scientist Outstanding Publication Awards

The ESA Biogeosciences Junior Scientist Outstanding Publication awards were initiated in 2007 to promote young scientists and highlight outstanding work in the field. The **Elizabeth Sulzman Award** recognizes research conducted while a graduate student, and published within two years of graduation. The **Gene E. Likens Award** recognizes work conducted by an early-career scientist (within five years of receiving a Ph.D.) for work conducted after the completion of graduate school.

Each year, the awards are presented to the first author of a notable paper in the biogeosciences that was published between January of the previous year and May of the current year. To be considered for an award, the paper must have been assigned a DOI.

The winner of each award will receive a \$250 cash prize and formal recognition by ESA. We may also award an honorable mention prize within each category.

Instructions:

Nominees should be members of ESA, and are encouraged to be members of the Biogeosciences section. Nominations for each award should include the following, emailed to esabiogeoscience@gmail.com by Friday, June 7th with the subject line "Sulzman Award nomination_[nominee's last name]" or "Likens Award nomination_[nominee's last name]" as appropriate:

- 1) The paper's citation and a PDF
- 2) The first author's current contact information (name, email address, mailing address optional)
- 3) A statement of eligibility (e.g. current grad student, or postdoc < 5 years from Ph.D.)
- 4) A short letter in support of the nomination from a colleague or advisor (sent separately from above materials unless the recommender is also the nominator)

We note that while self-nominations are entirely appropriate, the potential awardee need not be involved in the nomination process. We encourage all section members to nominate outstanding papers that they have encountered.

A panel of scientists representing a broad array of disciplines within the biogeosciences will then evaluate the submissions and decide on the winning entries. Award winners will be notified in advance of the upcoming ESA Annual meeting, and the awards will be presented at the section mixer at the meeting. Winners of each prize will be encouraged to attend the meeting!

2. Best Student Presentation Award

The Biogeosciences Section will also present an award for the best oral presentation by a graduate student. To be eligible, the work must have been conducted while a graduate student. The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and formal recognition by ESA. This award is generously sponsored by New Phytologist.

Instructions: To apply for this award, email your name, presentation title, and presentation time (if available) to esabiogeoscience@gmail.com, with the subject “Best Student Presentation nomination_[your last name]” by **June 7th**.

3. Student Travel Awards

The Biogeosciences Section is sponsoring travel grants (approximately five awards of \$250 to \$500 each) to help support student travel to the 2019 ESA meeting. Both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Travel grant recipients are expected to help staff the section table in the poster hall for ~ 3 hours during the meeting (can be spread over two days).

Requirements:

- 1) The applicant must be a current student (graduate or undergraduate) or have graduated since the last ESA meeting (August 5th, 2018).
- 2) The student or the faculty mentor must be a current member of the Biogeosciences Section.
- 3) The student must be giving an oral presentation or presenting a poster at the meeting (i.e., must have an accepted abstract).

Instructions:

Step 1: Email a PDF of the following information to esabiogeoscience@gmail.com with the subject line “Travel Application_[your last name].” Name the file “BGS_travel_[your last name].pdf”.

- Contact information: name, email address, mailing address, phone number
- Statement of your anticipated travel expenses and your current sources of funding for the meeting
- Name and email address of your faculty mentor or sponsor
- List of academic institutions attended, with location, dates of enrolment, and degrees received or in progress for each
- Text and title of your accepted ESA 2019 presentation abstract
- One-page essay (12-pt font, double-spaced) describing your interests in the biogeosciences and your career goals

Step 2: Ask your faculty mentor to email a letter of recommendation on your behalf, with the subject line “Travel Application LOR for [your name]”.

Applications are due June 7th, 2019.

Past Winners:

Likens Award:

2018	Debjani Sihi
2017	Steve Powers
2016	Peter M. Homyak
2014	Will Wieder (honorable mention: Jinyun Tan)
2013	Park Williams
2012	Gordon Holtgrieve
2011	Ed Hall
2009	Stephen Porder (honorable mention: William Cornwell)
2008	Jennifer Funk (honorable mention: Kristina Anderson-Teixeira)
2007	Ben Houlton, Katey Walter

Sulzman Award:

2018 Justin Mathias
2017 Erin Hanan
2016 Yaling Liu
2015 Colin Averill
2014 Sarah Batterman (honorable mention: Janice Brahney)
2013 Lei Cheng
2012 Scott Morford (honorable mention: Arianne Cease)
2011 John Drake
2010 Philip Taylor
2009 Michael Strickland (honorable mention: Jia Hu)
2008 Duncan Menge (honorable mention: Ben Colman)
2007 Scott Ensign

New Phytologist Student Presentation Award:

2018 Jamie Harrison
2017 Brooke Osborne
2016 Matthew Craig
2015 Cari Ficken Hopping
2014 Kelly Hopping
2013 Jessica Corman
2012 Bonnie Waring
2011 Sarah Evans
2010 Edward Brzostek
2009 Amy Burgin (honorable mention: Carmody McCalley)

ESA Student Travel Grant Winners:

2018 Anecia Gentles
Lilli Kaarakka
Covel McDermot
Cody Reed
Sasha Vivelo

2017 Daniel Casarella
Jennifer Cristiano
Rebecca Evans
Russel Hedberg
Rachel King
Brittney Monus

2016 Elizabeth August-Schmidt
Joseph Carrara
Amber Churchill
Denise Devotta
Benton Taylor
Lorna Harris