

# Medals and Awards

## ● List and descriptions 2024

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**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 and 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.

Please note two additional awards for 2024, approved by the Society's Council:

**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.