

WDS Data Stewardship Award 2018

Promoting Early Career Researchers

In today's digital era, data-enabled scientific research cannot fully benefit society without scrupulous data stewardship. The pressing challenges faced by the planet and humankind require discipline-integrated research and sound science-driven policies that are critically dependent on trusted scientific data. The [World Data System](#) (WDS) of the [International Council for Science](#) (ICSU) supports long-term stewardship of quality-assured scientific data and data services across a range of disciplines in the natural and social sciences, and the humanities. The **WDS Data Stewardship Award** highlights exceptional contributions to the improvement of **scientific data stewardship** by **early career researchers** through their engagement with the community, academic achievements, and innovations.

Award

The Award will be given each year and will be presented at the subsequent SciDataCon Conference. The **2018 WDS Data Stewardship Award** will thus be presented at [SciDataCon 2018](#) (part of [International Data Week](#), 5–8 November in Gaborone, Botswana).

The 2018 Award will include:

- Award presentation in plenary at SciDataCon 2018.
- Conference participation: travel expenses (economy airfare), lodging costs, and registration.
- A prize.

Requirements for Nominations

Please note that a candidate will not be considered eligible for the 2018 WDS Data Stewardship Award unless the following requirements are met.

- Nominees must be under the age of 40 and within ten (10) years of the award of their Masters or PhD, or equivalent professional training.
- Nominations must be sent by the representative of a **World Data System Member**¹ or **Working Group**², **ICSU Interdisciplinary Body**, or **ICSU National and Union Member**³.
- Each candidate may be nominated once for the 2018 WDS Data Steward Award. If multiple nominations are sent for a candidate, only the first one received shall be forwarded to the selection panel; all subsequent ones will be disregarded.

¹ List of ICSU-WDS Members: <https://www.icsu-wds.org/community/membership>

² List of ICSU-WDS Working Groups: <https://www.icsu-wds.org/community/working-groups>

³ List of ICSU Members: <http://www.icsu.org/about-us/our-members>

- Nominations must be made by completing the attached form and may include the following additional materials only:
 - A maximum of two (2) supporting letters. These should be from data users or others outside the Nominee's organization attesting to their contributions and qualifications.
 - A two-page Curriculum Vitae containing sections covering (a) Professional Preparation (i.e., education and qualifications), (b) Appointments (positions held), (c) Major Publications, and (d) Synergistic Activities (examples demonstrating the broader impact of one's professional activities, with a focus on the creation, integration, and transfer of knowledge).
- Nominations must reach the WDS International Programme Office (IPO@icsu-wds.org) by **no later than Monday, 21 May 2018**.

Selection Process

A panel of members of the WDS Scientific Committee will designate the winner of the 2018 Award.

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To be presented at SciDataCon 2018

Nominating Organization:	
Nominated by:	
Affiliation:	
Name of Nominee:	
Nominee's Affiliation:	
Nominee's Contact Details:	
Nationality:	
Gender:	
Age:	
Scientific Discipline(s)	
Short Statement (Maximum 500 Words in Total):	

Please send this form and any additional supporting materials (see: Requirements for Nomination) to the ICSU World Data System International Programme Office by email (IPO@icsu-wds.org). **Deadline: Monday, 21 May 2018.**