

Summary of CGS Awards and Honours (updated 2021)

Award or Honour	Brief Description/Comments
Society Awards	
RF Legget Medal	For significant lifelong contribution to the geotechnical field in Canada. The most senior and prestigious CGS award.
RM Quigley Award	For the best paper published in <i>Canadian Geotechnical Journal</i> in the preceding year. Two runners-up are also recognized. CGS membership is not required.
Honorary Life Member	For longstanding exemplary service to the CGS, and/or exemplary technical contributions to the geotechnical field in Canada. Only awarded occasionally
Division Awards	
G Geoffrey Meyerhof Award	Soil Mechanics & Foundation Division. For outstanding contribution to soil mechanics and foundation engineering.
Thomas Roy Award	Engineering Geology Division. For outstanding contribution to engineering geology.
Roger JE Brown Award	Cold Regions Geotechnology Division. For outstanding contribution to permafrost science or engineering. Awarded biannually, typically even-numbered years.
John A Franklin Award	Rock Mechanics Division. For outstanding contribution to rock mechanics and/or rock engineering. Awarded biannually, typically odd-numbered years.
Geosynthetics Award	Geosynthetics Division. For outstanding contribution to geosynthetics to civil, geotechnical or geoenvironmental engineering. Awarded biannually, typically even-numbered years.
Geoenvironmental Award	Geoenvironmental Division. For outstanding contribution in geoenvironmental engineering. Awarded biannually, typically even-numbered years.
Joint Awards	
Robert N Farvolden Award	Joint award of the CGS Groundwater Division and the International Association of Hydrogeologists Canadian National Chapter . For outstanding contributions by an individual or group to the disciplines of earth science or engineering that emphasize the role or importance of groundwater.
Schuster Medal	Joint award of the CGS Geohazards Committee and Engineering Geology Division and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists . For outstanding contribution to geohazards research in North America. Awarded biannually, typically odd-numbered years, to a CGS member,
Best Conference Paper Awards	The LOC of the CGS Annual Conference is strongly encouraged to present awards for ' Best Case History Paper ' and ' Best Paper with a Student as the First Author ' at the conference. The Chair of the Technical Program Committee should establish selection criteria and ask the review committee members to submit their recommendations for these awards.
Student & Young Professional Awards	
Graduate Presentation	For best 15-minute technical presentation on video submitted by a graduate student at a Canadian university. One runner-up is also recognized. CGS membership is not required.
Undergraduate Individual Report	For best undergraduate student report by an individual in Canada. One runner-up is also recognized. CGS membership is not required.
Undergraduate Group Report	For best undergraduate student report by a group in Canada. One runner-up is also recognized. CGS membership is not required.
Michael Bozozuk Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship	Strictly not a CGS award. Established and funded by the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique . For exemplary academic standing, research output, contributions to practice, and leadership/activity in the geotechnical community by a graduate student enrolled in a Canadian university. CGS membership is not required.
Dennis Becker Award	This award is generally provided as a prize to the student after completion of their program, rather than a scholarship to help support them during their studies (due to the time required for Master students to complete courses and conduct research sufficient to support a quality application, and the time for application processing and adjudication)
CGS Early Achievement Award	This Award, created in 2018, is intended to recognize outstanding accomplishments provided by members in the early years of their career. It focusses on the excellence of technical realizations and contribution to practice/industry and the services provided to CGS and the profession from a young professional.
Service Awards	
AG Stermac Award	For outstanding service to the CGS by a member at the local, national or international level. More than one award can be presented each year.

Certificates of Appreciation	For deserving CGS members recognized by the President or others as having contributed noteworthy service to the CGS
Honours	
RM Hardy Keynote Address	A 50-minute keynote lecture that typically opens the CGS Annual Conference. Presented by a well-known senior member from the city or CGS Local Section where the CGS Annual Conference is being held.
Colloquium Lecture and Paper	A 50-minute commissioned presentation at the annual CGS Annual Conference and a paper. It is targeted to a younger member of the CGS to provide information of particular interest to the geotechnical community on topics of importance to the Canadian geotechnical field.
Cross Canada Lecture Tour	Typically, two lecture tours occur each year: in the Spring and Fall. Each consists of presentations to 10 - 12 CGS Local Sections across Canada. Customarily one lecturer is a well-known Canadian CGS member; and the other one is a well-known international individual in the geotechnical field.