



The 2023 GTANSW & ACT Young Geographer Awards

The Young Geographer Awards invites students in NSW and the ACT to demonstrate engagement with Geography, the discipline and with the tools and skills of Geography through the creation and conduct of an inquiry-based research project. Although it is not essential, teachers are encouraged to incorporate the research and construction of the project into their teaching programs to help support students.



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Prizes for the winning entries in the Young Geographer Award, in any category are:

★ **1st Prize \$500** ★ **2nd Prize \$250** ★ **3rd Prize \$100**

**Registration opens – June 2023
& closes – Friday 27 October 2023**

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AWARD CATEGORIES



GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH AWARD

This award allows students to demonstrate original geographic research on any topic from the Australian Curriculum or NSW K–10 Geography Syllabus. Students will identify an inquiry focus and should conduct both primary and secondary research to investigate this topic. Category submissions will be judged against entries in the same Stage.



GEOGRAPHY IN STEM AWARD

This award allows students to demonstrate geographic research on any topic from the Australian Curriculum or NSW K–10 Geography Syllabus. However, a significant STEM contribution must be present in the final product and Geography must drive the project. The STEM contribution may be explicitly evident in the collection of primary data, the tools used for analysis of data and/or in the final presentation and communication of the research.



NESA SENIOR GEOGRAPHY PROJECT (SGP) / IB INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AWARD / ACT EQUIVALENT PROJECT

This award recognises excellence in the NSW Senior Geography Project (SGP) or International Baccalaureate Internal Assessment (IA) Projects. Those who study Geography in the ACT may also submit Geography research projects of a similar scope.



GTA NSW & ACT GEOGRAPHY TEACHER AWARD

Although a separate award event, teachers are encouraged to use their experiences in supporting the Young Geographer Award as an entry. This award recognises the contribution that teachers make in supporting their students and teaching peers. Participating teachers are asked to write an article of approximately 500 words for the Geography Bulletin, journal of GTA NSW & ACT, that examines how they successfully incorporated the competition into their teaching practice, established an exemplary fieldwork program or delivered outstanding professional learning events.

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PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The projects submitted for all categories should:

- Be less than 3000 words when written or under 10 minutes in an audio-visual format.
- Incorporate appropriate primary and secondary research for the inquiry topic.
- Demonstrate excellent research skills
- Demonstrate excellent communication of geographical information using a variety of tools and skills.
- Demonstrate the capacity for active citizenship from the undertaken research.

All award entries must be submitted digitally as either Acrobat.PDF files, websites or suitable audio-visual files.



AWARD TIMELINE

2023 competition closing date – Friday 27 October

Each school is able to submit a maximum of four (4) entries per category. There is no cost for entry to the competition.

Judging will take place between Term 4 2023 and Term 1 2024. Members of GTA NSW & ACT are encouraged to apply and participate as a member of the judging panel. The judging is a valuable Professional Development event and participation in the judging process, for example SGP marking, will help teachers gain perspective about their own classroom practice and student achievement.

Prize winners will be notified by early March 2024. Prizes will only be awarded where suitable entries are available. All competition entrants will receive a YGA Certificate of Participation.