



Chair of Awards and Grants – role and scope of work

IIC's prestigious awards and prizes aim to recognise and celebrate the greatest achievements within our field and promote the work of conservation professionals for the common good. The Chair of Awards and Grants Committee oversees the administration of IIC's international awards and grants and is responsible for generating and soliciting nominations for Honorary Fellowship, the Keck Award, the Forbes Prize Lecture, and for presenting recommendations to IIC council and for corresponding with candidates regarding their nomination where appropriate. Our goal is to extend the reach, representation, and profile of our awards internationally in key areas such as sustainability and innovation, in a way that promotes positive action and change within our field.

The chair will work closely with two further sub-committees: the Brommelle Fund, which supports small grants for students and early career professionals to participate in IIC Congresses, programmes and events; and the Opportunities Fund, which receives and considers applications for small learning stipends and seed funding grants. Full details of all grants and awards offered by the IIC is available [here](#).

The Chair must be an IIC Fellow in good standing, aware of IIC's purpose, core activities, operations and functions. The membership of the Awards Committee must reflect the technical and geographical diversity of IIC membership.

The Chair will also need to work closely with the:

- Executive Director
- President and Secretary General
- Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee
- Chair of Fellowship Committee
- Chair of Communications

Qualities and Skills Required

- Excellent leadership skills
- Ability to work with committee members and sub-committee chairs to develop relevant focus for awards, prizes and grants that recognise the accomplishments of the profession
- Have a well-recognized international reputation in the profession
- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, ability to speak additional language(s) would be welcome.
- Commitment to delivering on IIC's sustainability, access, and inclusion agenda
- Ability to ensure decisions are taken in a timely manner and are followed-up
- Tact and diplomacy

Time Commitment: Able to make an initial 3-year commitment on Council and to be prepared for a further 3-year term subject to successful performance and re-election. Attendance at 3 x Council meetings, the Annual General Meetings and any Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) where online attendance is possible, and to convene and chair committee meetings and judging panels twice a year as appropriate online.