How to submit a nomination for an AGU journalism award

For any questions about the awards or the submission process, contact Nanci Bompey, Assistant Director of AGU’s Public Information Office, at nbompey@agu.org or 202-777-7524.

1. Visit the journalism awards nomination system home page. Before you can submit a nomination, you will need to login to the system by clicking the “Continue Log in” button on the left-hand side of the screen.
2. You will then be directed to a login screen. You will need to login to the system using your AGU account. If you do not have an AGU account, you will need to create one by selecting the “Create a new account” option and filling out the required information.

Note: If your organization is not listed or can’t be found, please enter Organization Not Listed in the “Organization Name” field and fill out the “Suggest Your Organization” field with the name of your organization.
3. You may be directed to another screen to enter additional information. Please fill out the required fields (member type can be left blank) and press the “save and back” button at the bottom of the screen. You will then be directed to step #5 (the nomination form).

*Note: If you are not directed to this screen, please proceed to step #4.*
4. After logging in, you will see the home page for the journalism awards. This year, AGU is accepting nominations for the Perlman and Sullivan awards. To submit a nomination, click on “Click here to submit a nomination.”

The American Geophysical Union is accepting nominations for its 2020 journalism awards through 15 March 2020.

- David Perlman Award for Excellence in Science Journalism—News, recognizing excellence in science news reporting, generally produced under deadline pressure of one week or less.
- Walter Sullivan Award for Excellence in Science Journalism—Features, recognizing excellence in science feature reporting, generally produced under a deadline of longer than one week.

The Perlman and Sullivan awards each honor specific stories reported by journalists in the past year (i.e. 2020 awards honor 2019 stories). Journalists are welcome to nominate their own work for these awards, or someone may nominate a story on the reporter’s behalf. Nominations may be from any country, in any language (English translation required), and in any news medium, except books. Eligible news stories must be about one or more of the scientific disciplines represented by AGU. A nominee may submit only one entry for each award in a given year (i.e. one entry for the Perlman and one entry for the Sullivan). Each award consists of a plaque and a $5,000 award.

Additional nomination requirements for the awards can be found below. Instructions for submitting a nomination can be found here.

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Additional Award Information:

Perlman Award:

The David Perlman Award for Excellence in Science Journalism—News recognizes excellence in science news reporting, generally produced under deadline pressure of one week or less. It is named for David Perlman, Science Editor (now retired) of the San Francisco Chronicle.

This award recognizes excellence in reporting a news story or series that meets one or more of the following criteria: Brings new information or concepts about AGU sciences to the public’s attention, identifies and corrects misconceptions about AGU sciences, or makes AGU sciences accessible and interesting to general audiences, without sacrificing accuracy.

The selection committee will also consider accuracy, initiative, originality and clarity. The committee may also consider the timeliness of the news story, whether it was published first before other media outlets, and whether it contains
5. On the nomination form page, please first select the award for which you are entering a submission (Perlman or Sullivan) using the dropdown “Category” option. Then fill out the nomination form with all the required information.
6. When you have completed the nomination form, you can “Save” the nomination to come back to later, or “Save and Finalize” to submit the nomination.

To submit your nomination, please click the ‘Save and Finalize’ button below. You can save your progress at any time by clicking the ‘Save’ button below. You can continue your submission from where you left off by clicking ‘In Progress’ in the left side navigation.

7. You can access saved nominations using the “In Progress” option under “My Nominations” on the left-hand side menu, or access completed nominations using the “Complete” option.
8. When viewing your nominations in progress, click “Edit” to edit the nomination or “Remove” to delete the nomination.

9. When viewing your completed nominations, use the buttons on the right-hand side to print, view, or copy your nomination.