



## **Lifetime Contribution Achievement in the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute** *Definition and Guidelines*

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The Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute (NRESi) recognizes a member that has made profound and cumulative contributions to the NRESi and its core mission through interdisciplinary service and research, through their work at UNBC and/or NRESi and may also include accomplishments at other institutes and/or organizations. To recognize this extraordinary contribution, the Steering Committee has created the 'Lifetime Achievement' award.

### **Definition of a Lifetime Achievement**

A *Lifetime Achievement* in the NRESi will have demonstrated a profound influence on interdisciplinary outlook and research of faculty and graduate students related to themes within the natural resources and environmental studies realm. Contributions over multiple years will have been well beyond normal teaching, service and research duties, reflect a strong commitment to the NRESi ethos, and will set an example for all members.

A Lifetime Achievement will have clearly demonstrated contributions such as the following:

- 1) a substantial influence on the interdisciplinary growth of NRESi member's research programs;
- 2) a direct and significant influence on the growth and development of the NRESi;
- 3) a significant contribution to the interdisciplinary outlook and research of graduate students;
- 4) development of integrative research collaborations that extend the scope and recognition of the NRESi.

### **Process for awarding NRESi Lifetime Achievements**

Lifetime Achievers are NRESi members nominated by their NRESi member peers (rather than through application), submitted to the Steering Committee through the NRESi Research Manager. The nomination should include a letter of nomination (may be signed by multiple supporting members) outlining the substantive ways in which the member has achieved the above criteria. The nomination may also include documentation that clearly demonstrates the exemplary contribution made by the nominee. The Steering Committee will make the final decision on the awarding of all Lifetime Achievements.

### **The Award**

Recipients of an NRESi Lifetime Achievement will receive a framed certificate along with a small gift bearing an inscription with the name of the recipient, and the nature and date of the award. Lifetime Achievements will be awarded at the start of the NRESi Annual Lecture or at another NRESi event. Lifetime Achievements will continue to receive the weekly newsletter, the annual report, and invitations to the lecture series, as well as a receive lifetime NRESi membership. A page on NRESi's website will also be developed to publically honour award recipients.