2026 – Proposed GTA Awards

Award 1: Geography Community Contributor Award

This award recognises an educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the Geography teaching community through social media. It celebrates individuals who generously share teaching resources, practical ideas, classroom activities, fieldwork experiences and professional insights that inspire and support fellow Geography educators.

Award 2: Regional Geography Educator Award

This award recognises an outstanding Geography educator working in a regional, rural or remote school who demonstrates dedication to delivering engaging and meaningful geographical education. It celebrates educators who create opportunities for students to connect with Geography, overcome challenges associated with geographical location, and contribute positively to Geography education within their school or wider community.

Award 3: Emerging Geography Educator Award

This award recognises an enthusiastic and innovative educator within their first five years of teaching Geography. It celebrates early-career teachers who demonstrate a strong commitment to geographical education through creative classroom practice, student engagement, professional growth and a passion for inspiring the next generation of geographers.

Award 4: Geography Pathways Award

This award celebrates educators who have embraced teaching Geography outside their original teaching specialisation and demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the subject. It recognises individuals who actively develop their geographical knowledge, seek professional learning opportunities and create engaging learning experiences that inspire their students.

Award 5: Geography Team Impact Award

This award recognises a Geography teaching team that has demonstrated outstanding collaboration, initiative and commitment to strengthening geographical education within their school. It celebrates teams that work collectively to improve teaching practice, develop

engaging learning opportunities, support student achievement and foster a positive culture of Geography learning.

Award 6: Outstanding Geography Experience Award

This award celebrates an exceptional Geography excursion, fieldwork investigation or learning experience that brings geographical concepts to life beyond the traditional classroom. It recognises educators who design meaningful opportunities for students to investigate geographical issues, engage with real-world environments, develop geographical skills and deepen their understanding of the world around them.

Award 7: Geography Growth Award

This award recognises a school or Geography teaching team that has demonstrated significant progress in promoting Geography and increasing student engagement with the subject. It celebrates initiatives that strengthen the profile of Geography within a school, encourage students to pursue further geographical study and contribute to sustained growth in student participation.

Award 8: Innovative Geography Teaching Award

This award recognises an educator who has developed an innovative teaching strategy, resource or learning activity that enhances geographical understanding and student engagement. It celebrates creativity in Geography education and the development of practical approaches that inspire students, strengthen geographical skills and have the potential to benefit the wider teaching community.

Award 9: Primary Geography Educator Award

This award recognises a primary school educator who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to fostering geographical curiosity and understanding among young learners. It celebrates engaging and innovative teaching practices that encourage students to investigate places, environments and communities while developing the foundational knowledge and skills of Geography.

Award 10: Pre-Service Geography Educator Award

This award recognises a pre-service teacher who has demonstrated excellence, dedication and a strong passion for Geography education during their university studies or professional teaching placements. It celebrates aspiring Geography educators who demonstrate

outstanding potential through their geographical knowledge, innovative teaching practices, commitment to professional growth and ability to engage and inspire students. The award acknowledges emerging talent and encourages the next generation of Geography educators as they prepare to enter the teaching profession.