

2019 Learning Network Awards CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Urban Waters Learning Network Awards, sponsored by the U.S. EPA, celebrate Learning Network members making significant achievements toward improving their urban waterways and revitalizing the neighborhoods around them. These members embody the spirit and value of the Learning Network and exemplify the Learning Network's goal of providing peer-to-peer support, solving challenges through collaboration, and sharing. Award recipients are chosen by a selection committee chaired by River Network and Groundwork USA, the Learning Network Coordinators. EPA may provide technical clarity on the award categories, but will not be on the selection panel.

Steps in the Nomination Process & Key Dates

- **Submit nominations** (see “Nominations” section below) **Monday, March 18 2019**
- **Winners notified** **Late April 2019**
- **Award Ceremony** **Friday, June 21 2019**

Eligibility

Nominees may be individuals or organizations who are members of the Urban Waters Learning Network's online Basecamp community, past or current Urban Waters Small Grants recipients, past participants in an Urban Waters Learning Forum or other UWLN training opportunity, or affiliated with an Urban Water Federal Partnership location. Self-nominations and peer nominations are accepted. Federal employees and agencies are not eligible to win but may nominate eligible individuals and/or organizations.

Nominations

Nominations, including a cover letter and a completed Nomination Form, are due on Monday, March 18, 2019. Submit Nomination Form and Nomination Letter using the [Web Form](#). Nominations must be submitted for one of the two Awards - Learning Network Signature Award or Learning Network Expert Award.

- **Learning Network Signature Award:** made to an individual who contributes to the overall success of the Urban Waters Learning Network (UWLN) and its members by giving of their time to listen and respond to peers seeking their expertise and experience. This individual is approachable, connects peers working on similar projects, mentors others, models inclusion of many viewpoints, and inspires their peers to learn and grow together as experts.
- **Learning Network Expert Award:** made to individuals or organizations who pursue innovative, effective, impactful, and inclusive strategies to achieve results that benefit their local urban waterways and the communities that surround them. **Expert Award nominations may be submitted under one or more of the following categories: Green Infrastructure & Stormwater; Youth Leadership; Environmental Justice & Equity; Job Training; Environmental Education; and Water Quality & Monitoring.**

Contacts

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