

To the GIS Faculty of the Fleming School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences,

I would like to formally submit my request to be considered for the Esri Canada GIS Scholarship Award nomination. You have asked for a nominee who will represent the school as a good ambassador. I believe that both my dedication to learning and growing as a GIS professional, and my passion for collaboration, make me a strong candidate for that role.

Throughout the first two semesters, I have applied my full efforts to all assignments and projects I have received, with the intention of absorbing as much knowledge and experience as possible. I take the time to ask questions and challenge my own assumptions to ensure that all my deliverables are up to a standard I can be proud of. Just as importantly, I have strived to build a strong network of friends and peers with my fellow students, as I believe that we are stronger together than we are as individuals. I have been told that adequate collaboration is difficult if not impossible in the remote environment. However, I have taken every opportunity to lend a hand, seek support, and find opportunities for synergy within the online stream. Whether it has been maintaining a shared calendar, preparing together for tests, answering a late-night question, or sharing encouraging words, I believe I have left an impression on my peers. And I can confidently say that in return, I have stood on the shoulders of giants this year.

I have also been fortunate enough to be selected for the South African Wildlife College collaboration project for my final semester. This is an excellent chance to showcase the strengths of Fleming's program and gain additional exposure for the school. I would like the opportunity to tell this story by way of my Esri Scholarship submission.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The past six months have been an incredible journey for me that has been made possible by the phenomenal program that you have put together. I never would have imagined, before I started, how much I would have learned in such a short period of time, or the opportunities that I would come to be exposed to, thanks to each of your efforts.

-Adrian Koornneef