UNIGIS Academic Excellence Award 2025

Science category (announced in March 2026)

	Student	Thesis title	UNIGIS Site
1st place	José Miguel Cordero Carvacho	PROMPT2MAP: map generation from natural language queries using Large Language Models (LLM)	UNIGIS Lisbon
2nd place (tie)	Christa Rohrbach	Leveraging least-cost modelling to uncover multiple introductions: a case study of an invasive wild bee species.	UNIGIS Salzburg
2nd place (tie)	Duy Quang Nguyen	Extraterrestrial Potato: Mapping Suitable Cultivation Sites on Mars Using Geographic Information Sciences (GIS) and Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM) Methods	UNIGIS Amsterdam

Impact category (announced in November 2026)

	Student	Project and/or thesis title	UNIGIS Site
1st place	João Garcia (Portugal)	From Drone Imagery to Conservation Action: A GeoAI Workflow for Monitoring Forest Loss in Príncipe Island	UNIGIS Lisbon
2nd place	Janna Bighouse (USA)	CliffWatch: Coastal Landslide Nowcasting with GIS and Machine Learning	UNIGIS USA
3rd place	Ephrance Musoke Nabibubu (Uganda)	Mapping the invisible – Using GIS to Strengthen Marburg Virus Surveillance in Kyotera District, Uganda	UNIGIS Salzburg

Congratulations to our winners for their outstanding work for science and society!