

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADAPTATION PROFESSIONALS

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## **Submit nominations by May 21 for the Texas Regional Adaptation Leadership Award!**

The [American Society of Adaptation Professionals](#) (ASAP) [Regional Adaptation Leadership Award](#) (RALA) recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the climate change adaptation field through exceptional leadership. It recognizes the fact that deliberate, proactive adaptation, preparedness, and resilience-building is a change process, a deviation from business-as-usual, and a courageous act of doing something new and different. At its heart are individuals who make this change happen, sometimes with very few resources. The RALA recognizes distinguished adaptation leaders who approach their work in a strategic, sophisticated, well informed, inclusive, and effective manner.

ASAP's two award programs, the Regional Adaptation Leadership Award and the Prize for Progress, highlight excellence in adaptation leadership and excellence in adaptation practices of communities and organizations, respectively. These programs are a critical component of ASAP's work supporting and connecting adaptation professionals to advance innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation.

**Help us make history by [nominating](#) those most deserving of recognition for their work on climate change adaptation in Texas. The RALA awardee(s) will be recognized at a regional event, to be determined pending position within the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Award Prizes include: a year of ASAP membership (valued at \$150), travel assistance to the 2021 National Adaptation Forum, and a year of promotion through ASAP's Adaptation Voices programs.**

**Deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, May 21, 2020. The RALA nomination form can be found [here](#).**

All climate change adaptation professionals, from any sector, who work in Texas are eligible for this award. For individuals based in Texas who work in multiple places, the nomination should specifically focus on their Texas work. The following are **not eligible** for the award::

- ASAP staff or board members
- Staff from TX Resilience 2020 host institutions: Texas A&M University and Adaptation International
- Members of the RALA Selection Committee:
  - James Douglas, Conservation Program Coordinator, City of Denton
  - April Geruso, Director of Resilience, Hagerty Consulting
  - Meredith Jennings, Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Houston Advanced Research Center
  - Emma Kuster, University Assistant Director, South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center
  - Julia Murphy, Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Antonio
  - Emily Powell, Coastal Resilience Specialist, National Wildlife Federation
  - Jeewasmi Thapa, Program Coordinator, Texas Target Communities

The awardee(s) will be chosen by a selection committee made up of adaptation professionals who represent a range of sectors and locations from across the region. Questions? Email [ASAPawards@adaptpros.org](mailto:ASAPawards@adaptpros.org).

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ASAP is committed to facilitating nomination and selection of a transformative leader. Please contact us if you have any barriers to submitting a nomination that fully captures the strength of the nominee's leadership. You may submit a nomination by dictating it to ASAP staff. You may copy/paste text from other sources into the [nomination form](#); it does not have to be your own original writing. NOTE: Nominations will only be scored based on text entered directly into the nomination form. If you enter a web address (URL) into the nomination form, the content attached to that address will not count in scoring. However, if you copy/paste the content directly into the form, it will count in scoring.

At ASAP we know that Black people, Indigenous Peoples, people of color, and people with low incomes are on the front lines of climate change. Therefore, the field of climate change adaptation must identify, recognize, support, and inspire leaders with these identities and backgrounds. We strongly encourage nominations by and of such people. Additionally, we strongly encourage nominations by and of people who are new to the climate adaptation field, including early career workers, volunteers, and emerging leaders.

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### **About American Society of Adaptation Professionals:**

*As the nation's leading professional society for adaptation and resilience practitioners, ASAP is ensuring that climate adaptation and resilience work is equitable, ethical, and effective. ASAP connects and supports climate adaptation professionals to advance innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation. Through ASAP's member groups, trainings, and professional guidance, climate adaptation professionals interact, share what's working, collaborate with their colleagues and build essential climate resilience for communities, ecosystems, and economies across North America.*