

ISPRS Toronto Congress 2026: A TIF Grantee's Experience

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to ISPRS and the TIF Committee for awarding me the TIF grant, which enabled me to attend the ISPRS Congress 2026 in Toronto, Canada. This opportunity was both professionally enriching and personally inspiring, allowing me to engage with the international geospatial community, present my research, and explore the latest advances in geospatial science and technology.

Throughout the congress, I attended a variety of technical and thematic sessions covering topics such as remote sensing, geospatial data, and emerging technologies. These sessions provided valuable insights into recent scientific developments and innovative methodologies in the field. As a lecturer in Geomatic Sciences and a researcher working at the intersection of geospatial technologies and urban development, attending these sessions was an excellent opportunity to stay up to date with current research trends and strengthen my knowledge for both teaching and future research.

One of the sessions I found particularly inspiring focused on Spatially Enabled Urban and Regional Digital Twins, a rapidly evolving field that aligns closely with my research interests in digital technologies for urban planning and regeneration. I also attended the Legacy Project Forum on How to Secure Funding to Support Geospatial Activities, which offered practical guidance on developing collaborative projects and identifying funding opportunities for geospatial initiatives.

A highlight of my participation was the opportunity to present my own research to an international audience. Presenting my work allowed me to receive valuable feedback, exchange ideas with experts from different disciplines, and increase the visibility of my research within the global geospatial community. This experience has further motivated me to continue pursuing high-quality research and international collaborations.

The congress also provided outstanding networking opportunities. I connected with researchers and professionals from universities and organizations around the world, including the University of Toronto. I had the opportunity to learn more about the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and to connect with one of its members. Discovering the work of UN-GGIM was particularly valuable, as it broadened my understanding of global geospatial governance and opened new perspectives for future collaboration.

During the exhibition, I explored the latest technologies and solutions developed by leading companies and organizations in the geospatial sector. I also discovered several professional communities, including IEEE, whose activities strongly align with my research interests and with which I plan to become more actively involved in the future.

The STEP-TIF dinner reception was another memorable aspect of the congress. It created a welcoming environment for TIF recipients, researchers, and senior members of the ISPRS community to interact, exchange experiences, and establish professional connections that I hope to maintain in the future.

Beyond the scientific program, I had the opportunity to discover Toronto and visit the magnificent Niagara Falls. Experiencing the local culture alongside the congress enriched my overall experience and made this trip particularly memorable.

Overall, attending the ISPRS Congress 2026 has been a significant milestone in my academic and professional journey. The knowledge gained from the technical sessions, the feedback received during my presentation, the new professional connections, and the exposure to international initiatives have strengthened my research and broadened my perspective on the future of geospatial sciences. I am deeply grateful to ISPRS and the TIF Committee for making this experience possible, and I look forward to applying the knowledge and inspiration gained from the congress to my research, teaching, and professional activities.

