

# Awards Nomination & Selection Process

AALAS recognizes outstanding achievements in the fields of biomedical research and laboratory animal science through its highly regarded awards program. The awards described below are awarded each year at the AALAS National Meeting. The Awards Selection Committee (ASC) is responsible for evaluating nominees and selecting award winners from a pool of deserving applicants. Visit [www.aalas.org/association/awards.aspx](http://www.aalas.org/association/awards.aspx) for more information and award nomination forms.

## Researcher Awards

### Charles A. Griffin Award

Recognizes researchers who have outstanding accomplishments in the improvement of care and quality of animals used in research. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- Steady career advancement in laboratory animal science or a related field
- Contributions or accomplishments in the laboratory animal field

This award, AALAS' oldest and most prestigious accolade, honors Dr. Charles A. Griffin, an eminent bacteriologist and a pioneer in the development and use of disease-free animals. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.



### Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award

Recognizes researchers who have made major scientific contributions to the field. Criteria include:

- Membership in a professional scientific society (does not have to be AALAS)
- Over 40 years of age
- Research advances current knowledge relevant to laboratory animal science/medicine or comparative medicine

This award, created in 1994, recognizes one of AALAS' five founding fathers. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.



### Pravin N. Bhatt Young Investigator Award

Recognizes young scientists who have made significant contributions to the field. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- 40 years of age or younger; less than 10 years in the field
- Demonstrated commitment to a career in science
- Research advances current knowledge relevant to animal research

This award, first presented in 1995, recognizes Dr. Pravin N. Bhatt, who made substantial contributions to our understanding of rat coronaviruses and ectromelia virus and selflessly mentored undergraduate and graduate students as well as junior scientists. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.



## Trainer/Educator Awards

### George R. Collins Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of laboratory animal training. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- Contribution to education and training in lab animal science.
- Participation in learning and outreach programs

For more than 30 years, George R. Collins displayed a love of training and a gift for teaching. He championed better rapport between scientists and technicians. In 1975, the Animal Technician Scholarship Award (first established in 1961 as the Allied Trade Association Scholarship Award) was renamed in his honor. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.

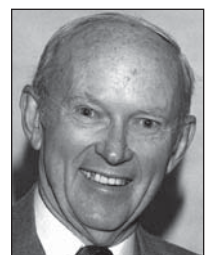


### Joseph J. Garvey Award

Recognizes accomplishments in administration, education, or support programs related to the care, quality, or humane treatment of laboratory animals. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- Contribution to education and training in laboratory animal science
- Participation in support programs related to the care, quality, or humane treatment of animals in research

This award, first presented in 1985, is named for Joseph J. Garvey, AALAS' Executive Secretary from 1958 to 1982. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.



# Technician Awards

## Technician of the Year Award

Recognizes laboratory animal care personnel who have demonstrated dedication to the laboratory animal science field. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- Minimal supervisory responsibilities (non-manager)
- Contributions to the laboratory animal field
- Commitment to continuing education
- Outstanding work performance

This award, formerly called the Technician Recognition Award, was instituted as a scholarship in 1967. Nominees for this award are generally individuals who received the most recent Technician of the Year Award from their local branch. Recipients receive a plaque and an honorarium.

## AALAS Technician Publication Award

Recognizes technicians who have published exceptional articles related to the field of laboratory animal science. This award is not open for general nominations. Criteria include:

- AALAS national member
- AALAS-certified technician
- First author of an outstanding article published in *Tech Talk* or the refereed section of *JAALAS*

This award was first presented in 1974 as the Technical Notes Award. Recipients are selected by the AALAS Awards Selection Committee and receive a plaque and an honorarium.

## Other Awards

### Poster Session Awards

Recognize outstanding poster session presentations at the AALAS National Meeting. This award is not open for general nominations.

Created in 2001, these awards encourage participation in the poster sessions and recognize outstanding posters. One poster from each category is recognized during the Poster Reception with a ribbon and an honorarium.

## Nomination Requirements

All award nominations (excluding the AALAS Technician Publication Award and the Poster Session Awards, which are not open for general nominations) must include the following information. Inaccurate information may result in immediate disqualification of the nominee. Provide the following information in one packet:

- curriculum vitae or resume
- one nominating letter from an AALAS national member (members of the ASC can't be nominated, nominate, or write letters of support during their term on the committee)
- letters of support (at least three and no more than five)

Please do not submit audiovisual materials or include lengthy lists of abstracts, seminars attended, grants, or contract awards. Awards cannot be given posthumously. Recommended points to include in the nomination packet are the candidate's:

- experience
- length of service
- positions held
- responsibilities
- education/training in the field of laboratory animal science and/or comparative medicine
- participation in AALAS: national and local activities
- accomplishments in the field of laboratory animal science and/or comparative medicine
- awards and honors

Nominations deadline is May 1. No late nomination packets will be accepted.

## Nomination Process

Submit award nomination packets to AALAS Awards Selection Committee c/o AALAS, 9190 Crestwyn Hills Drive, Memphis, TN 38125-8538. ASC members assign each packet a score based on established criteria and rank their nominees for each award. Rankings and scores are tallied and returned to the ASC for final review and recipient selection. The ASC chair notifies the executive director of the committee's recommendations, which are subsequently submitted to the AALAS Board of Trustees for approval.

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