

Awards Nomination & Selection Process

Our Mission—To advance responsible laboratory animal care and use to benefit people and animals.

Charles A. Griffin Award>>

Honoring Dr. Charles A. Griffin, an eminent bacteriologist and a pioneer in the development and use of disease-free animals, the Griffin Award is AALAS' most prestigious accolade. The award is presented for outstanding accomplishments in the improvement of care and quality of animals used in biological and medical research. Recipients, who must be national AALAS members, receive a plaque and honorarium.



AALAS encourages scientific achievement and contributions to animal care, training, and education by presenting nine awards at the National Meeting. The Awards Selection Committee is responsible for evaluating nominees and selecting award winners from a field of deserving applicants. AALAS strives to recognize outstanding achievements in the fields of biomedical research laboratory animal science through its highly regarded awards program.

Pravin N. Bhatt Young Investigator Award>>

This award was presented for the first time in 1995 to encourage and recognize an outstanding young scientist who has made significant contributions to the fields of laboratory animal science or comparative medicine. The award is named for Dr. Pravin N. Bhatt, who studied infectious diseases of laboratory animals for 25 years. He made substantial contributions to our understanding of rat corona-viruses and ectromelia virus (the etiologic agent of mousepox) and selflessly mentored undergraduate and graduate students, as well as junior scientists. The nominee for the Pravin N. Bhatt Young Investigator Award must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in science and have demonstrated originality of thought and experimental design. The award is open to all scientists 40 years of age or younger who have only been actively engaged in scientific research for less than 10 years. The award consists of a plaque and an honorarium. The recipient must be a national AALAS member.



George R. Collins Award>>

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. Presented annually to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of laboratory animal training, the award consists of a plaque and honorarium. Only national AALAS members can receive the Collins Award.



Bennett J. Cohen Animal Stewardship Award

AALAS leadership recognizes the spirit and importance of our responsible research animal stewardship. Toward this end, the Bennett J. Cohen Animal Stewardship Award was created to recognize relevant contributions. This award is presented to an individual or individuals, organization, or institution who have made an extraordinary effort toward advancement of methods that replace or reduce the number of animals used in research, testing or teaching, or for development of programs or procedures that elevate the comfort and well-being of such animals. The award consists of a plaque and honorarium.



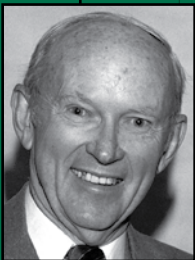
Joseph J. Garvey Award

The Garvey Award is named for Joseph J. Garvey, AALAS' Executive Secretary from 1958 to 1982. First presented in 1985, the Garvey Award is given for meritorious contributions or outstanding accomplishments in administration, education, or support of programs related to the care, quality, or humane treatment of animals used in biomedical research. The award consists of a plaque and honorarium. Recipients must be national AALAS members.



Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award>>

The Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award, created in 1994, recognizes one of AALAS' five founding fathers. Given to recognize an individual who has made major and repeated scientific contributions to the fields of laboratory animal science, laboratory animal medicine, or comparative medicine, the award is presented to researchers who are over 40 years of age. The Brewer Award is the only award which can be given to professionals who are not AALAS members. It consists of a plaque and honorarium.



Poster Session Awards

Created in 2001, the Poster Session Awards encourage participation in the Poster Sessions and recognize outstanding posters. One poster from each category is recognized during the General Membership Meeting with a Poster Session Award, which consists of an Award Winner ribbon and a \$200 honorarium.

Technician of the Year Award

Technicians play a crucial role in the success of AALAS and laboratory animal science. The Technician of the Year Award, originally presented in 1961 as the Ralston Purina Technician Award, honors laboratory animal care personnel with minimal supervisory responsibilities who have exhibited an interest in education and training to become more proficient in their vocation. Recipients, who must be national members of AALAS, receive a plaque and honorarium.

AALAS Technician Publication Award

Promoting and rewarding efforts of AALAS-certified technicians for publishing information related to the field of laboratory animal science, the AALAS Technician Publication Award was first presented in 1974. It was initially called the Technical Notes Award. A plaque and honorarium are presented to the first author of the most outstanding article published in *JAALAS*, *Comparative Medicine*, or *Tech Talk*. The first author must be an AALAS-certified technician, at any level, and a member of national AALAS.

Nomination Requirements

Each of the awards, excluding the AALAS Technician Publication Award and the Poster Session Awards, requires the following information be provided to be considered a complete nomination packet. Inaccurate information may result in immediate disqualification of the nominee. Please help the ASC evaluate your nominee properly by providing the following information in one packet by May 1:

- curriculum vitae or resume,
- one nominating letter from a national AALAS 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 four and no more

than ten).

Nominees for all awards, other than the Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award, must be members of national AALAS. 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; and
- awards and honors.

No late nomination packets will be accepted.

Nomination Process

Award nomination packets are sent to the AALAS National Office: AALAS Awards Selection Committee c/o AALAS, 9190 Crestwyn Hills Drive, Memphis, TN 38125-8538. Copies of the packets are mailed to the ASC members for review. Each packet receives a score based on established criteria. Committee members then rank their nominees for each individual award and send them back to the national office to be tallied with the other committee members' ranks. A tally of these rankings and scores is sent back to the ASC with the highest ranks and/or scores to finalize the selections. The chair of the ASC notifies the executive director of the committee's recommendations, which are subsequently submitted to the AALAS Board of Trustees for approval.

