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AAVMC Excellence in Research Award

Nomination Period Opens: September 1, 2013
Nomination Deadline: October 31, 2013

Eligibility

Nominees must be affiliated with an AAVMC member institution, and be an active researcher (currently publishing, conducting research, and supervising graduate student training). Nominations are open internationally to individuals in any discipline of veterinary medicine. There is a limit of one nomination per AAVMC institution.

Who may nominate

AAVMC Institutional Representatives (deans of colleges or schools of veterinary medicine in the U.S., Canada, and internationally; chairs and heads of departments of veterinary science; chairs and heads of departments of comparative medicine).

Award

The award consists of a $1,000 honorarium and a plaque. The awardee will be notified in December 2013. The awardee is expected to attend the AAVMC Annual Conference in March 2014 to receive the award and lecture. The awardee’s reasonable costs (registration, travel, housing, meals) for attending the Annual Conference will be covered by AAVMC.

What to submit

Nominators are encouraged to submit materials electronically via email. Hard copy will be accepted if postmarked by the deadline for submission.
  1) Nomination letter addressing the award criteria
  2) Three supporting letters from individuals knowledgeable about the nominee’s achievements (at least two of these should be from colleagues at an institution other than the nominee’s current institution).
  3) The nominee’s current C.V.
Where to submit materials

AAVMC Excellence in Research Award
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20005
Email: awards@aavmc.org

Award criteria

1. Originality
   a. Pioneered in the development of novel and significant areas of knowledge.
   b. Developed new knowledge in a creative manner and with independent insight.
   c. Created new knowledge to expand the understanding of veterinary medicine and/or extended the application of knowledge to veterinary practice/technology.

2. Experimental Practices
   a. Developed creative and innovative hypotheses during research.
   b. Developed new and superior experimental methodologies.
   c. Formulated experimental designs that enabled the derivation of unambiguous conclusions.
   d. Conveyed research results to the scientific community with clarity through timely presentation at scientific meetings and by publication in high quality journals.

3. Leadership
   a. Provided essential contributions in team research endeavors.
   b. Recognized as an innovator and scholar by peers as evidenced by other scientific awards and by invitations to participate in scholarly activities such as symposia.
   c. Shared their research experience willingly and unselfishly with the scientific community through activities such as providing expert advice, sharing new techniques, or providing unique reagents.
   d. Applied experimental results for the benefit of society.

4. Graduate Student/Residency Training
   a. Consistent track record of excellence in instruction/training of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, residents, or interns.

Award committee and selection process

The AAVMC Research Committee appoints the Award Committee from among its members. The award shall be given yearly, if a suitable recipient is identified by the Award Committee. The awardee is encouraged to submit their
presentation to the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education (JVME) for publication.

**Background and past recipients**

In 2011, the Board of Directors established the AAVMC Excellence in Research Award to recognize outstanding research and scholarly achievements in the field of veterinary medicine. The award honors those who demonstrate excellence in original research, leadership in the scientific community, and mentoring of trainees and colleagues in any discipline of veterinary medicine. This award showcases the contributions of AAVMC member institutions to the scientific community, and the Award Committee seeks the most outstanding individuals for this recognition.

**Past recipients of the AAVMC Excellence in Research Award**

- 2013  Dr. James Fox
- 2012  Dr. Edward Hoover
- 2011  Dr. Stephen W. Barthold
AAVMC Recognition Lecture

Nomination Period Opens: September 1, 2013
Nomination Deadline: October 31, 2013

Eligibility

Nominees should be part of the veterinary community, and have a history of service, research, education, or participation in the veterinary community. Individuals with limited contributions to the veterinary medical profession or academic veterinary medical education should not be considered.

Who may nominate

Any individual employed at an AAVMC member institution.

Award

The award consists of a $1,000 honorarium and a plaque. The awardee will be notified in December 2013. The awardee is expected to attend the AAVMC Annual Conference in March 2014 to receive the award and make a presentation on a topic of the awardee's choice. Awardee's reasonable costs (registration, travel, housing, meals) for attending the Annual Conference will be covered by AAVMC. The awardee is encouraged to submit their presentation to the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education (JVME) for publication.

What to submit

Nominators are encouraged to submit materials electronically via email. Hard copy will be accepted if postmarked by the deadline for submission.

1) Nomination letter addressing the award criteria (see below).

Where to submit materials

AAVMC Recognition Lecture
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20005
Email: awards@aavmc.org

Award criteria

1. The nominee's contribution made should be to academic veterinary medical education, not the profession at large or education generally.
2. The contribution may be a fundamental one-time contribution, or incremental over time ("a body of work").

3. Areas in which the contribution might be made include, but are not limited to:
   a. Leadership of an AAVMC member institution.
   b. Development of a curriculum, or a curricular model.
   c. Development of clinical teaching methods, or a clinical model.
   d. Advancement of the science of veterinary medical practice.
   e. Advancement of the business of veterinary medical practice.
   f. Advancement in fundamental concepts of the veterinary profession (e.g., the development of the concept of One Health).
   g. Advancement in the non-clinical practice of the veterinary profession (e.g., advancing the public's understanding of the scope of veterinary practice).
   h. Advancement in the research of pedagogy of veterinary medical education.
   i. Advancement in the understanding of the economics of, political support for, educational milieu, or physical plant of academic veterinary medical education.
   j. Advancement in concepts of recruitment or admissions.
   k. Advancement in the understanding of concepts of or promotion of diversity (in all its forms) in academic veterinary medical education.
   l. Advancement in concepts or promotion of leadership, or in providing leadership training, in academic veterinary medical education.
   m. The provision of information, knowledge, or solutions to AAVMC members' work.
   n. Acting as an effective catalyst or convener of issues of importance to academic veterinary medical education.

4. The significance of the contribution should be major. "Major" is contextual. In under-developed fields, minor advances may be considered major. Advancement in a well-developed field would need to be much more significant.

5. Contributions need not be recent, as it may take time before the significance of an advance becomes recognized.

6. The goal of this award is to recognize those who have helped to transform academic veterinary medical education in some way. Mere effectiveness or popularity should not be enough.

7. The Recognition Award should not be presented to an individual whose contribution is primarily limited to advocacy or research. Generally speaking, these individuals should receive the Senator John Melcher Award for Public Policy Leadership or the AAVMC Excellence in Research Award.

8. Controversy over the contribution should not disqualify an individual from receiving the Recognition Award, although the contribution made should
not be in conflict with the publicly published AAVMC mission statement, vision statement, values statement, or strategic goals and objectives.

Award committee and selection process

The AAVMC Executive Committee will select the awardee. The award shall be given yearly.

Background and past recipients

The Recognition Lecture is an annual honor established in January 1990 by the Board of Directors to recognize an individual whose leadership and vision have made a significant contribution to academic veterinary medicine and the veterinary profession. The Pew National Veterinary Education Program (PNVEP) provided an initial grant to support the award. The award has been solely funded by the AAVMC since 2002.

Past recipients of the AAVMC Recognition Award (2003–present)

2013  Dr. James Coffman  
2012  Dr. Malcolm Getz  
2011  Dr. Peter Eyre  
2010  Ms. Patricia M. Lowrie  
2009  Dr. Keith Prasse  
2008  Dr. J.T. Vaughn  
2007  Dr. John Shadduck  
2006  Dr. Richard Dierss  
2005  Dr. W. R. Pritchard  
2004  Dr. N. Ole Nielsen  
2003  Dr. Bill Jenkins
AAVMC Distinguished Teacher Award, Presented by Zoetis

Nomination Period Opens: September 1, 2013
Nomination Deadline: October 31, 2013

Eligibility

Eligibility for this national award is limited to the 2013 recipients of the Zoetis Teaching Award at each accredited college or school in the U.S. or the Caribbean.

Who may nominate

Institutional representatives must submit the materials identified below for their college's recipient to be considered for the national award.

Award

The award consists of a plaque. The awardee will be notified in December 2013. The awardee is expected to attend the AAVMC Annual Conference in March 2014 to receive the award and make a presentation on teaching in veterinary medical education. Awardee's reasonable costs (registration, travel, housing, meals) for attending the Annual Conference will be covered by AAVMC. The awardee is encouraged to submit their presentation to the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education (JVME) for publication.

What to submit

Nominators are encouraged to submit materials electronically via email. Hard copy will be accepted if postmarked by the deadline for submission.

1) A letter of nomination from the dean, associate dean, department chair, or other individual who can evaluate the nominee's teaching ability. The letter should address the sustained quality of teaching and the impact on student learning.

2) A letter of nomination from students. This letter could be submitted by a student organization (such as SCAVMA) or committee, and could include input from interns and residents, if appropriate. Please note: Other supporting letters are not required and should not be included.

3) A personal statement from the nominee describing his or her teaching philosophy and a brief description of major teaching accomplishments, innovations, and/or contributions.
4) The nominee's current C.V. The C.V. should include information about teaching activities, and need not include research and service activities except where relevant to teaching activities. Pertinent information includes:

   a. Courses taught (title, credits/hours, number of students, years taught).
   b. Summary of student and peer teaching evaluations.
   c. Book Chapters and books.
   d. Publications related to teaching.
   e. Web sites or other materials developed for teaching.
   f. Grant support for teaching projects.
   g. Honors and awards for teaching.

Where to submit materials

AAVMC Distinguished Teacher Award
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20005
Email: awards@aavmc.org

Award criteria

The Award Committee will consider the following criteria in bestowing this award:

1) The sustained quality of teaching and impact on student learning.
2) Major teaching accomplishments, innovations, and/or contributions.
3) Teaching load.
4) Mix of research and service activities where relevant to teaching activities.
5) Student and peer teaching evaluations.
6) Publishing activity, especially publications related to teaching.
7) Type, number, and innovation in materials developed for teaching.
8) Grant support for teaching projects.
9) Other honors and awards received for teaching.

Award committee and selection process

The AAVMC Executive Committee acts as the Award Committee. The award shall be given yearly.

Background and past recipients

The AAVMC Distinguished Teacher Award, Presented by Zoetis, is presented annually to a faculty member at each college or school of veterinary medicine
in the United States. It is the most prestigious teaching award in veterinary medicine. The award was originally named in honor of Carl J. Norden, founder of Norden Laboratories. Since 1963, the award has been sponsored by Zoetis. Each individual college selects a recipient in the spring. Colleges may then nominate their recipient for the national award, which is chosen by the AAVMC.

Past recipients of the AAVMC Distinguished Teacher Award, Presented by Zoetis (1992–present)

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<td>Dr. Roger J. Panciera</td>
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**Senator John Melcher, DVM Leadership in Public Policy Award**

Nomination Period Opens: September 1, 2013  
Nomination Deadline: October 31, 2013

**Eligibility**

Current or former faculty, staff, or student at an AAVMC member institution.

**Who may nominate**

Any individual employed at an AAVMC member institution. Nominations are automatically reconsidered for three years. Nominators will be notified each year, and given an opportunity to update the information for their nominee.

**Award**

The award consists of a plaque. The awardee will be notified in December 2013. The awardee is expected to attend the AAVMC Annual Conference in March 2014 to receive the award. Awardee's reasonable costs (registration, travel, housing, meals) for attending the Annual Conference will be covered by AAVMC.

**What to submit**

Nominators are encouraged to submit materials electronically via email. Hard copy will be accepted if postmarked by the deadline for submission.

1. Nomination letter addressing the award criteria (see below).
2. The nominee's current C.V.

**Where to submit materials**

AAVMC Sen. John Melcher, DVM Award  
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 301  
Washington, DC 20005  
Email: awards@aavmc.org

**Award criteria**

The Award Committee will consider the following criteria in bestowing this award:
1. Leadership in public policy which advances veterinary medical education.
2. Advocating for veterinary medical education on a national or international scale.

**Award Committee and selection process**

The AAVMC Leadership Subcommittee serves as the award committee. The committee forwards their recommendation the AAVMC Executive Committee for approval.

**Background of the award and recent past recipients**

The Board of Directors established the Senator John Melcher, DVM Public Policy Leadership Award in 2007. The award is given for leadership in public policy for advancing veterinary medical education.

**Past recipients of the AAVMC Senator John Melcher, DVM Leadership in Public Policy Award**

- 2013 Dr. William Hueston
- 2012 Dr. Lonnie J. King
- 2011 Dr. John U. Thomson
- 2010 Dr. Lawrence E. Heider
- 2009 Dr. Bennie I. Osburn
- 2008 Dr. Leon Russell
- 2007 Senator John Melcher
AAVMC Communications Excellence Award

Nomination Period Opens: January 1, 2014
Nomination Deadline: March 31, 2014

Eligibility

Those eligible to receive the award must be college- or university-based communications officers primarily engaged with the management and operation of the communication program at an AAVMC member institution.

Who may nominate

Any individual employed at an AAVMC member institution.

Award

The award consists of a $1,000 honorarium and a plaque. The awardee will be notified in May 2014. The awardee is expected to attend the meeting of the Association of Veterinary Advancement Professionals (AVAP) meeting at the AVMA Convention to receive the award.

What to submit

Nominators are encouraged to submit materials electronically via email. Hard copy will be accepted if postmarked by the deadline for submission.

1) A summary sheet detailing the stories, photographs, related content and dates submitted to AAVMC Communications within the January 1 – December 31 performance period for inclusion in its national communication programming

2) A 300-word description of the scope and major achievements of the member institutional communication program

3) A letter of recommendation from the dean of the institution describing the performance and achievements of the communication program and nominee
Where to submit materials

AAVMC Communications Excellence Award
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20005
Email: awards@aavmc.org

Award criteria

The Award Committee will consider the following criteria in bestowing this award:

1) Overall quality of the communication program operated on behalf of the member institution
2) Number of stories, photographs and related communication material the officer has shared with the AAVMC communications office to support their national communication program
3) Clarity, appeal and ability of communication products to effectively tell the story of modern academic veterinary medicine in a compelling way to a diverse group of stakeholders
4) Leadership and innovation in program development and execution
5) Extent to which the body of work submitted reflects the many different facets of modern veterinary practice

Award committee and selection process

A committee comprised of three individuals representing expertise in public relations and academic veterinary medicine will be appointed by the AAVMC to judge the submissions.

Background

Effective communication programs play a critical role in the success of all organizations. This is especially important in academic veterinary medicine, where economic issues facing higher education and the profession of veterinary medicine require informed and engaged stakeholders. This award, established in 2013, seeks to recognize communication excellence at AAVMC member Institutions and participation with AAVMC national communication programs.