

Guidelines of the Laboratory Animal Scientists' Association (LASA) India **for members applying for international awards**

Objective:

To provide procedure and guidance to the members of LASA India who wish to apply for the awards such as JALAS, AFLAS, CALAS, etc. and define eligibility criteria of nominations.

Introduction:

Japanese Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences (JALAS), The Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) Associations and Chinese Association of Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) regularly invite applications from LASA India members for their 'International Award'. With an objective of identifying young talents in the area of laboratory animal science/ medicine in the country and encouraging their participation in laboratory animal science and welfare, the Laboratory Animal Scientists' Association (LASA) India has initiated nominating eligible LASA members working in the area of laboratory animal science/ medicine in the country for these awards. The awardees upon their selection for the '*International Award of JALAS*'; "*Young Scientist Award*" and "*CALAS International Award for Young Scientists*" constituted by Japanese Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences (JALAS), The Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) Associations and Chinese Association of Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS), respectively, are required to present their research work in the annual meeting of these associations.

Four to five awardees are selected by JALAS every year from among the candidates recommended by the member countries which includes India, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Currently, the JALAS award includes prize money of 1,00,000 Japanese Yen and free participation in the annual meeting of the JALAS.

The AFLAS Awards also includes cash prize and free participation in the annual meeting of the AFLAS.

The announcement of JALAS/ AFLAS/ CALAS award may appear on LASA India website as well as will be circulated electronically to all the LASA India members on the mailing list as and when announced by the award giving associations. Members are requested to submit their recent email addresses as well as visit the official website of LASA India (www.lasaindia.in) for award details.

The award winning work must be submitted for publication in the official journal of the LASA India in the next issue. This would certainly encourage young talents to think out of box and engage in innovative work towards the benefit of laboratory animals and the science.

Eligibility:

Qualifications:

The candidate must possess minimum post-graduate degree in science discipline. Only 'Individual Life Members' are eligible for applying to these awards.

Experience:

The candidate should have minimum 3 yrs. of working experience in the field of Laboratory Animal Science, especially in care, breeding, management, experimentation or quality control of laboratory animals.

LASA India Membership:

The candidate should have completed minimum 36 months of membership period with LASA India and should be a running member at the time of submission of the application. Beside, the applicant must have attended atleast two LASA conferences in the past.

Age:

The candidate should not have completed 35 years of age on December 31st of the year of award as one of the requirements of the award giving association.

Those members who have already received the above mentioned international awards, will not be eligible for the nomination for at least next five years from the date of the receipt of the award.

Research work:

The research work should be original contribution in laboratory animal science and must not be exceeding 3 yrs. old from date of submission. The work must be carried out in India using animals in any of the CPCSEA registered organization. Mention of the IAEC organization, proposal number with year and IAEC sanction is must in the manuscript.

Attempts:

If numbers of applicants are less than two, the nomination should be deferred to the subsequent year when it can be considered even if a single **applicant** is there. However, the applicant has to apply freshly next year for such awards. Single candidate cannot be considered for award in any case for the first attempt.

Application Submission/ Screening Procedure:

1. Duly filled application form provided by the award giving organization should be forwarded by the applicant to the President, LASA India before due date prescribed by the President in his communication.
2. The application should have authorization from the immediate reporting officer and office of the candidate. Full text and abstract of the work and brief CV should be submitted to the President, LASA India along with the application.
3. The "Technical Committee" of LASA India will go through the work of the applicant/s, score the work on set criteria and then submit the recommendations to the President, LASA India.

4. In case more than one applications are received, application with highest score will be selected for nomination. In case there is single application, minimum 35 average scoring marks are must out of 50 for such nominations.
5. The President, LASA India shall nominate a single Indian representative for the award to the award giving association under intimation to the Executive Committee of the LASA India. In case the “Technical Committee” finds no suitable application for the nomination, there will be no nomination sent for the award.

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