

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

Objective:

To provide guidance to the LASA members who wish to apply for the awards and define eligibility criteria of nominations.

Introduction:

With an objective of identifying young talents in the area of laboratory animal science and medicine in this country and encouraging their participation in Laboratory animal science and welfare, the Laboratory Animal Scientist's Association (LASA) of India has initiated nominating young professionals working in the area of laboratory animal science and medicine in the country for these awards. The awardees upon their selection for the '*International Award of JALAS*' and "*Young Scientist Award*" constituted by Japanese Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences (JALAS) and The Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science (AFLAS) Associations, respectively. The nominees are required to present their original 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, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Currently, the JALAS award includes prize money of 1,00,000 Japanese Yen and free participation in the annual meeting of the association.

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

The announcement of JALAS/ AFLAS award shall appear on LASA India website as well as will be circulated electronically to all the LASA members as and when announced by the award giving associations. Members are requested to visit the official website of LASA India (www.lasaindia.org) for award details.

The award winning paper will be given preference for publication in the Journal of Laboratory Animal Science, an official journal of the LASA India. This would certainly encourage young talents to think out of box and engage in innovative work towards the benefit of animals and the science.

Eligibility:

Qualifications:

The candidate should possess minimum post graduate degree in science discipline

Experience:

The candidate should have minimum 3 yrs. of working experience in the field of Laboratory Animal Sciences, especially in care, breeding and management of laboratory animals.

LASA Membership:

The candidate should have completed minimum 2 years of continuous membership period with LASA and should be a running member at the time of submission of the application.

Age:

The candidate should not have completed 35 years of age on closing date of the receipt of the application form by the award giving organization.

Those Candidates who have received these 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.

Application Submission 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, LASA India in his communication.
2. The application should have authorization from the immediate reporting officer of the candidate. Full text and abstract of the paper should be submitted to the President, LASA India along with the application.
3. There should be minimum three applications for the contest.
4. The Technical Committee of LASA India will go through the merit of the applications and then submit the recommendations to the President LASA India. 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.