TBAALAS Recognition Awards Call For Nominations

It’s time to nominate individuals for our Texas Branch AALAS Recognition Awards! These awards recognize our outstanding “silent heroes”: our Animal Care Technicians, Animal Health Technologists, Trainers, Environmental Enrichment Technicians, Laboratory and Research Technicians, Supervisors, Managers, Clinical Veterinarians and Vendors. **PLEASE** take this opportunity to recognize and honor those people who really drive your research team!

**Technician Recognition Awards** – These three awards are sponsored by TBAALAS to recognize outstanding laboratory animal science technicians at various stages of their career**.** *Each award recipient will receive a plaque, $100 honorarium and a one-year membership to TBAALAS.*

- Nominations must be submitted by a TBAALAS member.

- Nominees *are not required* to be TBAALAS members.

Qualifications for each level are as follows:

* Level I, Rookie: 1-2 years employed
* Level II, Non-Supervisor: 2+ years employed, **AALAS certification required.**
* Level III, Supervisor: 2+ years employed, **AALAS certification required.**

**Allentown Facility Managers Award** - Sponsored by Allentown Caging Equipment Company to recognize outstanding managers. *The award recipient will receive a plaque and a $250 honorarium.*

- Nominations must be submitted by a TBAALAS member.

- Nomination packages must include a letter of nomination, curriculum vitae and two letters of support.

Qualifications are as follows:

* Nominees are required to be TBAALAS members.
* Must be a “manager”, overseeing some aspect of the daily operation of an animal care and use program; e.g., Facility Manager, QA/QC Manager, Health Monitoring Manager, Logistics and Materials Manager, Operations Manager, etc.
* **AALAS certification required.**

**Charles River Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award** - Sponsored by Charles River Laboratories to recognize outstanding Clinical Veterinarians working in Laboratory Animal Medicine. *The award recipient will receive a plaque.*

- This award *excludes* administrative veterinary staff; e.g., Attending Veterinarian, Associate Director, Director, etc.

- Nominations must be submitted by the home institution’s Attending Veterinarian or Director.

- Nominations for exemplary service to TBAALAS may only be made by a member of the TBAALAS Board of Directors. A letter from the home institution’s Attending Veterinarian or Director acknowledging the nomination must be received for eligibility.

- Letters of support may be from the facility of employment or other animal facilities.

Qualifications are as follows:

* Nominees are required to be TBAALAS members.
* At least 75% of this individual’s professional time must be dedicated to clinical laboratory animal medicine.
* Must be a graduate of an AVMA recognized school of veterinary medicine.
* Must be out of school for at least one year.
* Must have been employed as a clinician at the home institution for a minimum of one year.
* Must provide superior clinical performance or have made another contribution of great relevance to the field.

# The Helen Jordan Vendor’s Award – Sponsored by Dr. Charles A. Montgomery, Jr. to recognize our Allied Trades friends who have, through their support, advanced the TBAALAS goals and purposes of continuing education, training and knowledge exchange. *The award recipient will receive a plaque.*

- Nominations must be submitted by a TBAALAS member.

- Recipients may be awarded only once.

- Letters of support may address relevant volunteer work, in addition to professional involvement.

Qualification: Must be a TBAALAS commercial member for a minimum of 5 years.

***Nomination packets must address each of the suggested Award Criteria and include:***

* A completed Nomination Form
* A letter completed by the nominator that addresses the suggested Award Criteria
* Letters of support: maximum of three.

Nominations are graded objectively and quantified. Criteria that are not addressed will receive scores of zero. **Please do not overlook nominees who were not selected previously. Update those nomination packets and resubmit if you feel they deserve another opportunity!**

TBAALAS Technician Recognition Award Criteria

1. Describe positions held in the laboratory animal science (LAS) field.
   1. *Responsibilities of employment*
   2. *Quality of performance*
   3. *Unique contributions*
   4. *New or creative ideas*

1. How committed is this candidate to his professional growth; e.g., AALAS certification, attending talks, workshops, meetings, etc.?
2. Describe experience teaching or mentoring others.
   1. *Within your institution*
   2. *Community outreach (career days, touring groups through facility, etc.)*
3. Comment on the following leadership qualities.
   1. *Communication with peers, supervisors and researchers*
   2. *Teambuilding and motivating others*
   3. *Promotion of compassionate, responsible animal care*
4. Professional accomplishments
   1. *Memberships*
   2. *Honors and awards*
   3. *Peer recognition*
   4. *Other noteworthy accomplishments; e.g., talks, posters, service to local branch or national AALAS, etc.*

***TBAALAS Allentown Caging Managers Award Criteria***

1. Describe positions held in the laboratory animal science (LAS) field.
   1. *Responsibilities of employment*
   2. *Quality of performance*
   3. *Unique contributions*
   4. *New or creative ideas*
2. How committed is this candidate to his professional growth; e.g., AALAS certification, attending talks, workshops, meetings, etc.?
3. Describe experience teaching or mentoring others.
   1. *Within your institution*
   2. *Community outreach (career days, touring groups through facility, etc.)*
4. Comment on the following leadership qualities.
5. *Communication with staff, peers, and researchers*
6. *Teambuilding and motivating others*
7. *Promotion of compassionate, responsible animal care*
8. Professional accomplishments
9. *Memberships*
10. *Committee service and appointments on branch and national levels*
11. *Honors and awards*
12. *Peer recognition*
13. *Other noteworthy accomplishments; e.g., talks, posters, service to local branch or national AALAS, etc.*

TBAALAS Charles River Outstanding Clinical Veterinarian Award Criteria

1. Describe experience in Clinical Laboratory Animal Medicine (LAM).
   1. *Number of years*
   2. *Responsibilities of employment*
   3. *Quality of performance; e.g., LAM knowledge, clinical skills (diagnostic, therapeutic, etc.), surgical skills*
   4. *Unique contributions*
   5. *New or creative ideas*
2. Participation in AALAS
   1. *Branch level (positions held, presentations, committee service, etc.)*
   2. *National Level (positions held, presentations, committee service, etc.)*
3. Describe experience teaching or mentoring others.
   1. *Within your institution*
   2. *Community outreach (career days, touring groups through facility, etc.)*
4. Comment on the following leadership qualities.
5. *Communication with staff, peers, and researchers*
6. *Teambuilding and motivating others*
7. *Promotion of compassionate, responsible animal care*
8. Professional accomplishments
9. *Memberships*
10. *Committee service and appointments on branch and national levels*
11. *Honors and awards*
12. *Peer recognition*
13. *Other noteworthy accomplishments; e.g., talks, posters, service to local branch or national AALAS, etc.*

### TBAALAS Helen Jordan Vendor’s Award Criteria

* + 1. TBAALAS Meeting Attendance (*past 5 years*)
    2. Branch involvement (past 5 years)

1. *Annual Meeting – talks, posters, facilitator/volunteer, Learning Resources, registration desk, slide coordinator, session moderator, program preparation, event coordinator, etc.*
2. *Metro Meeting – talks, posters, facilitator/volunteer, event coordinator, etc.*
3. *Submission of articles to branch newsletter*
   * 1. Describe experience teaching or mentoring others.
4. *Within the LAS field*
5. *Community outreach (career days, touring groups through facility, etc.)*
6. *Promotion of compassionate, responsible animal care*
   * 1. Professional accomplishments and leadership involvement on branch and national levels
7. *Memberships*
8. *Committee service and appointments on branch and national levels*
9. *Honors and awards*
10. *Peer recognition*
11. *Other noteworthy accomplishments; e.g., talks, posters, service to local branch or national AALAS, etc.***TBAALAS Recognition Award Nomination Form**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Level of Qualification (check appropriate level)

🞏 Level I Rookie 🞏 Level II Non-Supervisor 🞏 Level III Supervisor 🞏 Manager 🞏 Clinical Vet 🞏 Vendor

Total time in Laboratory Animal Science:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Member of TBAALAS?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how long?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Member of AALAS? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how long?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AALAS Certification: Indicate year achieved

ALAT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LAT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LATG \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CMAR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Registered (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Diplomas/Degrees:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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