



# **Association for Veterinary Teaching and Research Work**

## **Guidance for Nomination and Selection for AVTRW Teaching and Research Awards**

### **AWARDS**

Contribution to Teaching Award

Contribution to Research Award

The above awards will be offered in alternate years, with the exception of 2012/2013, where both Awards will be re-introduced for presentation at the 2013 annual conference.

President's Prize

The above prize will be offered every year, selected and awarded at the annual conference. One prize of £200 may be offered to the best oral presentation. A prize for a short oral presentation and highlight presentation of £150 each may also be offered. Highly commended presentations may receive £50.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Teaching and Research Awards recognise excellence and achievement in veterinary research and in veterinary teaching. Any individual who embodies such qualities is eligible for nomination; neither the nominee nor the nominators are required to be members of the Association.

The President's Prize competition is to encourage young veterinary researchers to present their data at scientific meetings. The competition is open to any early stage researcher (undergraduate student, postgraduate student, intern, or clinical resident) who is a member of the Association, and is presenting an abstract at the Association's annual conference.

### **NOMINATION**

#### **Teaching and Research Awards**

1. The nomination form for the Award shall be circulated to the membership of the Association by email by the secretariat; for members with no email address, the nomination form shall be sent by post. The forms shall normally be circulated by the October before the annual conference.
2. A notice of the call for nominations shall be placed in the Veterinary Record at the same time as the mailing to the membership of the Association.

3. Each nomination shall require the signature of a proposer and a seconder. Proposers will be requested to complete a short statement in support of their nominee. The signature of the nominee shall be required to confirm acceptance of the nomination and to confirm attendance at the following annual conference.
4. Self-nomination is acceptable.
5. Nominators shall return forms, including a CV of the nominee, to the secretariat by the end of the December before the annual conference. The secretariat will collect the forms, forwarding those received to the Honorary Secretary once the deadline for nomination has passed.

### **President's Prize**

1. Eligible individuals shall indicate on the abstract submission form that they wish to be considered for the President's Prize.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Teaching and Research Awards**

1. The selection panel shall comprise the Executive Committee and a former winner of either the Teaching or Research Awards as an independent external panel member. The external panel member shall serve in this capacity for a maximum of three years and thereafter shall not be eligible to serve in such a capacity again until at least one year has elapsed. The President of the Association shall be responsible for inviting the independent external panel member.
2. Any member of the selection panel contributing nominations shall abstain from decisions regarding their nominees.
3. Any member of the selection panel who has been nominated for an Award in that year shall step down, for that year only, from the selection panel. The President, or the external panel member if the President has been nominated, shall invite a temporary replacement selection panel member from the Council.
4. The selection of the Award recipient shall be reached by consensus amongst the selection panel. It is within the entitlement of the selection panel to decide not to grant an Award in any given year.

### **President's Prize**

1. The award(s) shall be made for a contribution which, in the opinion of the Association's President and Executive, best fulfils the following requirements:
  - a. Clarity of presentation and illustration
  - b. Scientific content
  - c. Adequacy of interpretation of the data
  - d. Efficiency in dealing with questions
  - e. Punctuality, in keeping to the time allocated for the presentation

## **AWARD NOTIFICATION**

### **Teaching and Research Awards**

1. The President shall inform the selected awardee following the decision by the selection panel. The awardee is expected to attend the next annual conference, and may be invited to give a presentation to honour their achievements and contributions.

### **President's Prize**

1. The winner(s) shall be informed at the end of the annual conference.

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