

# **RTB AALAS AWARDS CATEGORIES & CRITERIA**

## **Rookie of the Year (Ancare)**

### **Plaque & \$100**

Criteria: 1 year or less working in an animal facility. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

## **Bio-Serv Enhancement or Improvement of Animal Welfare Award (Bio-Serv)**

### **Plaque & \$250**

Criteria: Member of RTB AALAS. Person nominating must also be a member of RTB AALAS. To recognize contributions of an individual who have contributed a positive impact to enrich, enhance, and/or improve the lives of animals or the environment they work in with regard to animal welfare.

## **PMI Lab Diet Award (Purina Mills)**

### **Plaque & \$100 plus \$50 to National AALAS Foundation Education Committee**

Criteria: Individual must have daily contact with animals and demonstrate a positive attitude toward animal welfare, performance excellence, pursuit of knowledge in the field of laboratory animal care, and innovative approaches to husbandry-related problems. Formal education is not considered. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

## **Research Technician Award (Inotiv)**

### **Plaque & \$250**

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-Certified Technologist working with the technical aspects of a research project. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

## **Cage Wash Technician of the Year Award (FEFA)**

### **Plaque & \$150 plus 1-year RTB membership**

Criteria: Must have at least one year working as a cage wash technician. Technician demonstrates the ability to work well with others and has a good understanding of cage wash functions.

## **Technician of the Year Award (Quip)**

### **Plaque & \$500**

Criteria: LAT or LATG who is involved in RTB AALAS. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

### **President's Award (Charles River)**

#### **Plaque & \$500**

Criteria: ALAT or LAT, not at a supervisory level, who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the field of Laboratory Animal Care. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

### **Innovation Award (Tecniplast)**

#### **Plaque & \$250**

Criteria: Current member of RTB and National AALAS. Demonstration of commitment to innovation and ingenuity in contributions to the field of laboratory animal science.

Participation in learning or information programs. Demonstrated participation in developing, improving, implementing, or providing training and education programs.

Demonstrated interest in attaining additional education and training preferred. All considerations being equal, candidates having AALAS certifications will be given priority.

### **Managers Award (Allentown Caging Systems)**

#### **Plaque & \$250**

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-certified LATG and/or Registered CMAR working as a manager or supervisor of a Research Animal Facility. Individual must be an active member of RTB AALAS and a National AALAS Member.

### **Clayton Cisar Memorial Award (RTB AALAS Executive Council)**

#### **Plaque**

Criteria: To recognize contributions of an individual to the Research Triangle Branch and to the humane treatment of animals used in biomedical research and teaching. This is not necessarily an annual award but is awarded based on the nomination from the general membership. Selection of the recipient for the award is made by the Executive Council.

### **Logistical Support Award (Lab Supply)**

#### **Plaque & \$200 + 1-year RTB membership**

Criteria: Anyone working in non-direct contact with animals, however through other support channels, is helping to facilitate the research, care, and logistics involved within the day-to-day facility operations. Open to members and non-members of RTB AALAS.

Submit all nomination letters and award questions to Morgan Holmes at [mholmes@tecniplastusa.com](mailto:mholmes@tecniplastusa.com) no later than

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