

**MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS’ ASSOCIATION**

**POSTGRADUATE BEST THESIS AWARD**

1. **Objective**

To acknowledge outstanding postgraduate MDA member(s) who has/have completed a thesis that is value-adding to the field of dietetics and nutrition.

1. **Participating Institutions by Invitation**

Local institutions of higher learning conferring a post graduate degree in the field of dietetics and nutrition.

1. **Nomination and Award Presentation**

Nomination must meet the deadlines for the submission of nomination form and supporting document(s).

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| **No.** | **Steps** | **Datelines** |
| 3.1 | **Postgraduate Best Thesis Awards open for nomination** | 1st Apr – 30th Apr |
| 3.2 | **Award, Scholarship and Grant (ASG) Committee receive and review nomination (see Eligibility Criteria)** | 1st – 15th May |
| 3.3 | **MDA Council members receive and review application for merit criteria**  | 15th-31st May  |
| 3.4 | **Award Ceremony**3.5.1. The certificate(s) will be presented. 3.5.2. In case of absence to the award ceremony, the award will be sent to the recipient’s address.3.5.3. A congratulatory letter will be sent to winners’ institution from MDA.

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| MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award | **Awards** |
| 1st Prize | RM1500 + Certificate |
| 1st Runner Up | RM1200 + Certificate  |
| 2nd Runner Up | RM1000 + Certificate |

 | Upcoming AGM / to be decided by council of the year |

1. **Eligibility Criteria**
	1. Applicant must be:
		1. A current MDA Ordinary Member
		2. Pursued a postgraduate research program at a **Malaysian** higher education institution
		3. Has been conferred a postgraduate degree
	2. Thesis abstract and topic must be:
		1. Relevant and add value to the field of dietetics and nutrition.
		2. NOT given any honour or award previously.
	3. Only the original thesis should be submitted for the Award in any year. Thesis previously submitted won’t be accepted.
2. **Merit Criteria**

As the intent of the award is to honour and facilitate outstanding scholarship, applications will be judged on the basis of the following academic merit criteria:

* Originality
* Contemporary significance and /or scholarly relevance
* Conceptual, methodological and theoretical soundness
* Disciplined, focused and persuasive argument
* Coherent organisation and clarity of written expression
* Comprehensive reference to appropriate literature
1. **Appointment of Judges**

MDA Council members serve as the Panel of Judges. Council members may also appoint qualified judges to include but not limited to at least One (1) senior academic dietitian.

1. **Nomination Submission**

Nomination must be submitted via electronic mailer, hand delivered or posted to the following addressee by (or postmarked by) 5pm on **April 30th**.

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 **NOMINATION FORM**

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| **INSTITUTION**  |
| **INSTITUTION** | **:** |  |
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| **NOMINEE’S DETAILS** |
| **NAME** | **:** |  |
|  |  | (Full name as it should appear on the certificate) |
| **I.C. NO.** | **:** |  |
| **EMAIL** | **:** |  |
| **CONTACT NO.** | **:** |  |
| **DATE OF BEING CONFERRED POSTGRADUATE DEGREE** | **:** |  |
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| **ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST** |
| 🞏 | Nominee must be a current MDA Ordinary Member |
| 🞏 | Pursued a postgraduate research program at a **Malaysia** higher education institution |
| 🞏 | Has been conferred a postgraduate degree within one year of nomination  |
| 🞏 | First-authored the extended thesis abstract submitted  |
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| **About the Thesis** |
| **Title:** |
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| **IMPORTANT: ATTACH AN EXTENDED ABSTRACT WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM** |

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**NOMINATION FORM**

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| ……………………………………………….Direct Supervisor’s Signature & StampDate: | ……………………………………………..Nominee’s SignatureDate: |

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| **Code of Nominee** | : |  **/20\_ \_** |
| **Received By** | : |  |
| **Date** | : |  |

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 **OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE DIETETIC STUDENT AWARD**

 **JUDGING FORM**

ASG COMMITTEE USE ONLY

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| **Code of Nominee** | : |  **/20\_ \_** |
| **Eligibility CHECKLIST (by 30th April)** | **Remark** |
| Yes□ | No□ | Submitted Application Form – soft copy |
| □ | □ | Submitted Extended Abstract |
| □ | □ | Is the applicant:* A current MDA Ordinary Member
* Pursued a postgraduate research program at an Malaysia higher education institution
* Has been conferred a postgraduate degree
* The first-authored of the extended thesis abstract submitted
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| **MERIT CRITERIA (to be judged by MDA Councils)** |
| **1** | Originality |
| **2** | Contemporary significance and /or scholarly relevance |
| **3** | Conceptual, methodological and theoretical soundness |
| **4** | Disciplined, focused and persuasive argument |
| **5** | Coherent organisation and clarity of written expression |
| **6** | Comprehensive reference to appropriate literature |

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| **Official** |  |  | Evaluated by, |
| Code of Nominee | : | /20\_ \_ | ........................................ |
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 **ENDORSEMENT FORM**

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| **AWARD RECIPIENTS ENDORSEMENT** |
| Hereby, MDA COUNCIL 20\_ \_/20\_ \_ endorse the following names to be the recipients for the following awards. |

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| **MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award** |
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| Name | : |  |
| I.C. No. | : |  |
| Institution | : |  |
| Title of Thesis | : |  |

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| **MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award** |
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| Institution | : |  |
| Title of Thesis | : |  |

Endorsed by,

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| President/Vice President of MDA COUNCILName: | MDA COUNCIL member Name: | MDA COUNCIL member Name: |
| Date: | Date: | Date: |