



MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION POSTGRADUATE BEST THESIS AWARD

1. Objective

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

2. Participating Institutions (by Invitation)

Higher education institutions confer a postgraduate degree in the field of dietetics and nutrition.

3. Nomination and Award Presentation

The nomination must meet the deadlines for submitting the nomination form and supporting documents.

No	Steps	Duration (week)	Datelines
3.1	Postgraduate Best Thesis Awards open for nomination	4	17 th Mar – 14 th Apr
3.2	Award, Scholarship and Grant (ASG) Committee receive and review nomination (see Eligibility Criteria)	2	15 th – 30 th Apr
3.3	MDA Council members receive and review the application for merit criteria	4	1 st – 31 st May
3.4	Notifications to Award Recipients	3	1 st Jun onwards

3.4	Award Ceremony		21 st Jun								
	3.5.1. The certificate(s) will be presented.										
	3.5.2. A congratulatory letter will be sent to the winners' institution from MDA.										
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4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1. Applicant must be:

- 4.1.1. A current MDA Ordinary Member
- 4.1.2. Pursued a postgraduate research program at a **Malaysian** higher education institution
- 4.1.3. Has been conferred a postgraduate degree

4.2. The thesis abstract and topic must be:

- 4.2.1. Relevant and add value to the field of dietetics and nutrition.
- 4.2.2. NOT given any honour or award previously.

4.3. Only the original thesis should be submitted for the award in any year. Thesis previously submitted will not be accepted.

5. Merit Criteria

As the intent of the award is to honour and facilitate outstanding scholarship, applications will be judged based on 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
- Show evidence of the high-impact publications, if any

6. Appointment of Judges

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

7. Nomination Submission

The application must be submitted via email at mda.awardsgrants@gmail.com by 5pm on **14th April 2025**



MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION POSTGRADUATE BEST THESIS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTITUTION

INSTITUTION : _____

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 : _____

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

About the Thesis

Title:

IMPORTANT: ATTACH AN EXTENDED ABSTRACT WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM.

The extended abstract must include the overall comprehensive summary of the thesis and a list of published articles associated with the thesis



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POSTGRADUATE BEST THESIS AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

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Direct Supervisor's Signature & Stamp
Date:

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Nominee's Signature
Date:

.....**MDA AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT COMMITTEE USE
ONLY**.....

Code of Nominee : /20__

Received By :

Date :



**MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE
DIETETIC STUDENT AWARD JUDGING FORM**
ASG COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Code of Nominee : /20__

Eligibility CHECKLIST

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

MERIT CRITERIA (to be judged by MDA Councils)

- 1 Originality
- 2 Contemporary significance and /or scholarly relevance
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- 6 Show evidence of the high-impact publications (if any)

Official	Evaluated by,
Code of Nominee : /20__
Score :	ASG COMMITTEE
	Date:



**MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE DIETETIC STUDENT AWARD
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.

MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award

Name : _____
I.C. No. : _____
Institution : _____
Title of Thesis : _____

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Endorsed by,

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President/Vice President of
MDA COUNCIL

Name:

Date:

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MDA COUNCIL member

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