



## 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 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr
3.2	Award, Scholarship and Grant (ASG) Committee receive and review nomination (see Eligibility Criteria)	2	15 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr
3.3	MDA Council members receive and review the application for merit criteria	4	1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May
3.4	Notifications to Award Recipients	3	1 <sup>st</sup> Jun onwards

3.4	<p><b>Award Ceremony</b></p> <p>3.5.1. The certificate(s) will be presented.</p> <p>3.5.2. A congratulatory letter will be sent to the winners' institution from MDA.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 252 1055 451"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 252 714 325">MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award</th> <th data-bbox="714 252 1055 325">Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 325 714 367">1<sup>st</sup> Prize</td> <td data-bbox="714 325 1055 367">RM1500 + Certificate</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 367 714 409">1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up</td> <td data-bbox="714 367 1055 409">RM1200 + Certificate</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 409 714 451">2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up</td> <td data-bbox="714 409 1055 451">RM1000 + Certificate</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	MDA Postgraduate Best Thesis Award	Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	RM1500 + Certificate	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	RM1200 + Certificate	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	RM1000 + Certificate		21 <sup>st</sup> Jun
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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](mailto:mda.awardsgrants@gmail.com) by 5pm on **14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



## MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION POSTGRADUATE BEST THESIS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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### 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*



**MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION  
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

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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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- 4 Disciplined, focused and persuasive argument
- 5 Coherent organisation and clarity of written expression
- 6 Show evidence of the high-impact publications (if any)

<b>Official</b>	Evaluated by,
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Score :	ASG COMMITTEE
	Date:



**MALAYSIAN DIETITIANS' ASSOCIATION  
OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE DIETETIC STUDENT AWARD  
ENDORSEMENT FORM**

MDA COUNCIL USE ONLY

**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  
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MDA COUNCIL member  
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