

MAVMA GUIDELINE (GL03.2024)

GUIDELINES FOR THE TAN SRI AHMAD MUSTAFFA BABJEE AWARD

MALAYSIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (MAVMA)

1.0 Background

Academician Tan Sri Dato' Dr Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee was a firm believer in academia and life-long learning, where at the 69, he earned his seventh university degree (Masters of Science in Environment Biology, Universiti Sains Malaysia). He also holds a PhD in virology from the University of Queensland, Australia, and three honorary doctorates from University of Queensland, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. He was the first President of the Veterinary Association Malaysia (VAM) and through his initiative, merged the Association of Veterinary Surgeons Malaysia (AVSM) and Malaysian Veterinary Association (MVA) on 27th November 1987, and subsequently registered VAM on 23rd January 1989. Tan Sri Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee was a Foundation Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), and is highly regarded for his love for nature and outstanding contribution towards the biological sciences and academic advancement of the veterinary profession. The passing of Tan Sri Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee on 30th April 2019 is a great loss to Malaysia and the veterinary world.

The **Tan Sri Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee Award** is given to outstanding members of the Malaysian Veterinary Medical Association in recognition for significant and meritorious achievements towards the advancement of science in the veterinary profession through academic contribution and continuing professional development. The Award honours Tan Sri Ahmad Mustaffa Babjee's memory, his long and successful career, and his outstanding contribution to the profession and the country.

2.0 Definition

The Veterinary Profession in Malaysia broadly represents the practice of veterinary medicine and allied sciences as a profession by a veterinarian who has graduated from an accredited university and follows a set of rules comprising the code of ethics, professional conduct, and integrity, as stipulated by the national veterinary governing body (Malaysian Veterinary Council) in accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1974.

3.0 Age Limit

There is no age limit for the application.

4.0 General Criteria for Application of the Award

Applicants will be considered eligible for the **TAN SRI AHMAD MUSTAFFA BABJEE AWARD** if they fulfil the following criteria:

- i. Is a registered MAVMA member of good standing with no arrears in subscription for more than 2 years
- ii. Significant contribution towards the advancement of the veterinary profession through academia, research, continuing professional development, contribution to policy/legislation development, veterinary services and engagement with society.
- iii. The **proposer** and **seconder** of the applicant must be a good standing MAVMA ordinary member for at **least 10 years** or a **life/fellow member**.

The following information is required for the application:

1. Personal and Membership Information
2. Position and activities pertaining to their:
 - a) Contribution to Academia and Veterinary-related Research.
 - b) Contribution to Continuing Professional Development including organizing Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops.
 - c) Contribution and engagement with Government/NGOs for policy and legislation development.
 - d) Veterinary Services and Engagement with Society.

5.0 Eligibility and Judging Criteria

The judging criteria shall be as follows: -

No.	Category	Contribution	No. of Points awarded
1	Contribution to Academia and Veterinary-related Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Significant and original basic and/or applied research in the area of veterinary science, animal husbandry	40 points

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications in journals, monographs, books, and other forms of academic media • Facilitating academic development of the future veterinary workforce (undergraduate/postgraduate students) • Academic mentorship for student industry placements /internships /clinical practice 	
2	Contribution to Continuing Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing conferences, seminars, webinars, workshops • Invited speaker or facilitator for conferences, seminars, webinars, workshops 	30 points
3	Contribution and engagement with Government/NGOs for policy/legislation development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards policy /legislation development • Advisory/ expert panel for international/ national bodies (Government, NGOs, Associations) 	20 points
4	Veterinary Services and Engagement with Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to society and community through veterinary-related services • Engagement and involvement with international/ national institutions/associations/organizations 	10 points

6.0 The Application Process

Each applicant must:

- Complete the application forms (FORM 1 to 6), signed off by the proposer and the seconder
- Attach a passport-sized photograph (JPEG format)
- Provide an Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Complete a probity declaration
- Other supporting documents (e.g., achievements certificates, awards, honours, media coverage)
- Any other documents as requested by the Awards Committee

7.0 The Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is responsible to screen the applications, and invite the applicants for an interview, if necessary, to verify the submitted information and documents before the selection is finalized. The committee is not obliged to disclose the evaluation process and all decisions made are final.

7.1. Membership of the Committee

The Award Committee comprises **a chairperson and four (4) members** of the veterinary fraternity. The MAVMA Executive Committee may select and appoint the **Chairperson and four (4) members** recommended by the Chairperson. The appointment of the committee shall be made in writing by the President of MAVMA.

7.2. The terms of office shall run for **two years**, concurrent with the presiding MAVMA Executive committee.

7.3. The quorum for the Committee meeting shall be **three (3)** members and decision of the Committee shall be made by simple majority votes of the members present.

8.0 Award to Recipients

8.1. The award shall consist of a plaque, medal and a certificate, signed by the President/Patron and the Honorary Secretary.

8.2. The recipient's citation shall be read during the annual MAVMA Annual Congress or at any other occasion decided by the presiding MAVMA Executive committee. The citation shall be published either in the congress programme book or in the Association's official journal, website, or any publications, as decided by the MAVMA Executive Committee.

8.3. Maximum of **3 awards** will be granted yearly.

9.0 Privileges

The recipients: -

- 9.1. Would receive a waiver on the registration fee of the MAVMA Annual Congress on the year of receiving the award.
- 9.2. Would be invited for the Gala dinner with their spouse/plus one, on the year of receiving the award.
- 9.3. Would be considered for a discount of the registration fee for the subsequent MAVMA conferences, seminars, and activities, as deemed appropriate and approved by the presiding MAVMA executive committee. All requests for discount shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

10.0 Application Form

Applications are accepted throughout the year by completing the form attached. The complete documents should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, at least **6 weeks** before the MAVMA Annual Congress, Annual General Meeting, or when announced by the Honorary Secretary. All applications must be submitted to:

1. Malaysian Veterinary Medical Association
No. 10-1, Jalan Sierra 10/2
Bandar 16 Sierra
47120 Puchong
Selangor
2. Or emailed to secretary@mavma.org.my
Kindly contact MAVMA office at 012-6127101 for any inquiries.



**TAN SRI AHMAD MUSTAFFA BABJEE AWARD
DETAILS OF CANDIDATE**

Name	
NRIC No.	
Citizenship	
MAVMA membership no.	
Home address	
Office address	
Telephone Office:	
Telephone Mobile:	
Fax:	
Area of expertise	
Professional qualifications	List



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**FORM 1
DETAILS OF CANDIDATE**

Name	
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FORM 3
DETAILS OF SECONDER

Name	
NRIC No.	
Citizenship	
MAVMA membership no.	
Home address	
Office address	
Telephone Office:	
Telephone Mobile:	
Fax:	
Proposer endorsement	<p>I agree to endorse and support this application.</p> <p>Signature:</p>
Date:	



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**FORM 4
SUPPORTING DETAILS OF CANDIDATE**

Name:

NRIC:

Professional Affiliation	List
Contribution to Academia and Veterinary-related Research	
Contribution to Continuing Professional Development	
Contribution and engagement with Government/NGOs for policy/legislation development	
Veterinary Services and Engagement with Society	



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FORM 5

REFEREES (Name TWO referees to verify above achievements)

REFEREE 1

Name:	
NRIC:	
Professional Affiliation/ Company/ Institution:	
Contact Tel: Mobile: Fax:	
Professional Qualifications:	List

REFEREE 2

Name:	
NRIC:	
Professional Affiliation/ Company/ Institution:	
Contact Tel: Mobile: Fax:	
Professional Qualifications:	List



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**FORM 6
PROBITY DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

**I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM
ARE TRUE**

APPLICANT:	
	(FULL NAME AND SIGNATURE)
DATE:	