

**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.

1. **Participating Institutions (by Invitation)**

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

1. **Nomination and Award Presentation**

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

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| **No.** | **Steps** | **Datelines** |
| 3.1 | **Postgraduate Best Thesis Awards open for nomination** | 4th Apr – 30th April  |
| 3.2 | **Award, Scholarship and Grant (ASG) Committee receive and review nomination (see Eligibility Criteria)** | 1st – 20th May |
| 3.3 | **MDA Council members receive and review the application for merit criteria**  | 20th – 31st May |
| 3.4 | **Notifications to Award Recipients**  | 1st – 15th June  |
| 3.4 | **Award Ceremony**3.5.1. The certificate(s) will be presented. 3.5.2. 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 |

 | 27th June  |

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. The 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 will not be accepted.
2. **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
1. **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.

1. **Nomination Submission**

The application must be submitted via email at mda.awardsgrants@gmail.com by 5pm on **30th April 2022**

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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.** *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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**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** | **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** | Show evidence of the high-impact publications (if any) |

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| **Official** |  |  | Evaluated by, |
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| Score | : |  | ASG COMMITTEE Date: |

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