



**ICLAS-ARC 2025 TRAVEL AWARD
LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE SPECIALIST
AALAS National Meeting in Long Beach, California, USA
November 9-13, 2025**

Deadline for Applications: July 31, 2025

The Americas Regional Committee (ARC) of the International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS) announces **three** Travel Fellowship Awards sponsored by:

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The awards will be made available to at least one individual from each of the areas described below:

- One individual from a member country of the Federation of Hispanic Societies and Associations of North America, Central America and the Caribbean for Laboratory Animal Science (FeSAHANCCAL México, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panamá, Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Honduras).
- One individual from member countries of the Federation of South American Societies and Associations of Laboratory Animal Science Specialists (FESSACAL - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay and Venezuela). One award goes to the best remaining candidate from all applicants, regardless of his or her region.

Each award sponsors the awardee to travel to and participate in the national meeting of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) to be held November 9-13, 2025, in Long Beach, California, USA. The AALAS meeting is the largest laboratory animal science meeting in the world and includes seminars, workshops, special topic lectures, platform sessions, and poster sessions on laboratory animal diseases, biology, experimental techniques, and animal models. The learning resources / technology center includes a variety of videos and computer-based programs. Each year there is an extensive commercial exhibit which contains the latest in equipment and ancillary items for the care and use of laboratory animals.



The nominee should be a biomedical scientist, facility manager, technician or veterinarian involved with experimental animals who is a member of his or her local or regional laboratory animal science organization. **The individual should be a person with the potential to make significant contributions to the teaching, research, or organizational aspects of laboratory animal science in his or her country upon their return.** Preference is given to individuals who otherwise would not have funding for international travel to a scientific meeting of this kind and have not previously attended the AALAS meeting. Proficiency in English speaking and comprehension is required and will be evaluated during an interview.

ICLAS will provide each awardee up to \$3000 USD to cover airfare, lodging, meals, local transportation and incidental expenses. AALAS will generously waive the registration fee for the meeting. **Receipts for reimbursement for travel expenses should be maintained and submitted to ICLAS for reimbursement.** The awardees are required to attend the meeting and receive official recognition at the AAALAC International Luncheon, which will take place during the 2025 AALAS meeting. Attendance at this event is mandatory for all awardees.

Nominations or applications should be written in English and consist of:

1. A cover letter, which should include the candidate's career goals and a statement with detailed information on the reasons why the candidate is interested in attending the AALAS Annual Meeting. This statement should indicate:
 - a) what he/she is hoping to gain from attending the meeting
 - b) evidence of leadership or participation in the individual's local or national laboratory animal science organization.
 - c) how he/she would use the knowledge and experience to be acquired
 - d) A description of how you plan to apply the knowledge and connections gained at AALAS in your own country or region. Include any specific activities you plan to lead or support after your return.
2. A *curriculum vitae*, maximum of 10 pages in length, with emphasis on laboratory animal science training and experience.
3. Proof of proficiency in the English language.
4. A letter of recommendation from the employer. **This letter should also describe your access to institutional or external funding for international**



travel. If you are affiliated with an institution that provides travel funding, the letter should explain why such funding is not available to you specifically.

5. At least one letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the qualifications and professional interests and activities of the candidate.
6. A letter from a **national or regional lab animal science organization**, not just the employer, endorsing the candidate as someone likely to engage in leadership or training roles locally and verifying their current membership.

Complete nominations or applications should be submitted by E-mail to the attention of:

Dr. Richard Huneke
Dr. Miccaela Ricca
ARC Co-Chairs
Email: info@iclas.org

Deadline for submission of applications is July 31, 2025. The decision of the committee will be communicated by August 15, 2025.