

## WVA Global Veterinary Awards

### Eligibility

For the categories One Health, Animal Welfare, Pharmaceutical Stewardship or Veterinary Education: individual veterinarians with an outstanding contribution to any of the four categories, described below.

**One Health** – One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and inter-dependent.

**Animal Welfare** – Animal Welfare is defined in the WOAH Terrestrial Code as ‘the physical and mental state of an animal in relation to the conditions in which it lives and dies.’ Contemplating 5 freedoms: freedom from hunger malnutrition and thirst, freedom from fear and distress, freedom from heat stress or physical discomfort, freedom from pain, injury and disease, freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour.

**Medicine Stewardship** – The effective, responsible, safe, and sustainable use of medication and vaccines, while fostering steady accessibility.

**Veterinary Education** – Graduate, postgraduate and continuous education of veterinarians, including on emerging topics.

For the category **Veterinary Student of the Year**: students with an outstanding contribution to the veterinary profession and/or animal health and wellbeing – please check <https://forms.gle/RZKLcRsjkBd5u5LZ8> for the details.

### Criteria

**Nominators**: only representatives from WVA members can nominate for the Categories: One Health, Animal Welfare, Pharmaceutical Stewardship or Veterinary Education. For how to nominate for the Veterinary Student of the Year please visit <https://forms.gle/RZKLcRsjkBd5u5LZ8>

**Nominees**: must be veterinarians for the categories One Health, Animal Welfare, Pharmaceutical Stewardship or Veterinary Education. Must be veterinary students from year 4 and above for the Veterinary Student of the year award.

Submission of all required documentation through the designated form, namely: support letter from the WVA members (minimum 1 letter, max 3, uploaded as 1 pdf file), CV or Bio of the nominee, portfolio of activities from the nominee (pertaining to the category of the application) and a motivation letter. Submission of a video of the nominee introducing themselves (in a url) is optional.

### Evaluation

Three appointed members from each of the four WVA WG will review each of the applications for the corresponding category and an average scoring will be found. A numerical system of scoring will be used for the evaluation of the different required documents of the nomination, as follows:

- support letter from one of the WVA members – from 1 to 3 (1 extra point for each extra letter)
- CV or Bio of the nominee – from 1 to 3
- portfolio of activities from the nominee (pertaining to the category of the application) - from 1 to 10
- motivation letter of the nominee – from 1 to 3

Evaluation and scoring will be carried out by electronic means and as automatized as possible.

WG members from the same countries as the nominees will be excused from reviewing them and another member of the WG will be designated in their stead to avoid Conflicts of Interest.

The Chairs of the WG may appoint Evaluators directly or by opening calls of interest.