

William R. Lance Award

Nomination guidelines

Nominations must be received electronically no later than **February 28, 2026, at 11 pm EST (GMT-5)** via WRLanceaward@wildlifiedisease.org

This award intends to recognize, reward, and encourage an early-career professional who has conducted and published innovative research on the humane and safe capture, handling, immobilization, or anesthesia of managed or free-ranging species, and who has sought to build collaborations and cooperation in the pursuit of their work.

If a suitable individual is nominated, this award will be given annually.

The award has a minimum value of \$2,000 US.

An additional \$2,000 is available to attend a conference of their choice. It is hoped that the awardee would choose to attend the annual conferences of one of the four administering associations; however, this is not required. This amount can only be disbursed to the winner after delivery of the related receipts for travel, lodging, registration, and other conference-related expenses to the treasurer@wildlifiedisease.org.

The awardee will also receive a free 1-year membership to the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and the Wildlife Disease Association. Membership will include online access to the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine and the Journal of Wildlife Diseases.

The awardee will give a webinar on their research, which will be available to all members of the four administering organizations.

If a suitable individual is nominated, they will be notified by April 15, 2026.

Nominations must include:

- Curriculum Vitae (maximum of two (2) pages)
- A minimum of two (2) but no more than five (5) individual letters of recommendation. Nominees will be evaluated on the following five criteria: innovation, collaboration, impact on animal health, and scientific merit of their research. Letters of recommendation should specifically address these five (5) criteria, and all will be weighted equally.
- Letters should not be more than two pages.

Please direct all enquiries to WRLanceaward@wildlifiedisease.org