



Purpose:

The ACVS Merit Award allows recognition of non-ACVS Diplomates who have made major contributions to the conduct of veterinary surgery through the development of methods, techniques, devices, and educational aspects of veterinary surgery. Through their accomplishments, the candidate advanced many of the goals associated with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). The award is only open to non-Diplomates.

Eligibility:

1. The recipient must be a veterinarian who is not an ACVS Diplomate.
2. It must be at least 15 years since the candidate received their DVM or equivalent degree. The Board of Regents will consider exceptions in rare and unusual circumstances.

Selection Criteria (required information to be completed on pages 3-6 of the nomination form):

1. Evidence of an outstanding career in veterinary surgery with national and international recognition of the candidate's contributions to the science and methodology of veterinary surgery. Selection emphasis is on the entire career of the nominee rather than on a single activity or incident.
2. Fifteen years or more service as a veterinarian in such activities as clinical veterinary practice; surgical instruction and equitable engagement of colleagues, residents, and students; the pursuit of surgical research; and other activities associated with advancing the practice of veterinary surgery and creating an inclusive, safe learning environment.
3. Dissemination of information to colleagues through published works, scientific presentations, continuing education efforts, and inclusive tutoring activities locally, regionally, and nationally.
4. Contributions to other national and international surgical organizations such as volunteer service; mentoring; and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Nomination Procedure:

A complete nomination packet will include:

- the ACVS Merit Award nomination form (fillable),
- the nominee's curriculum vitae, and
- at least two letters of support from ACVS Diplomates.

The nominator will submit the complete nomination packet in one email, with the required form, CV, and letters attached, to Joanne Magro, executive assistant, jmagro@acvs.org. The ACVS office must receive all nominations and supporting documents no later than April 1 of the year of consideration.

If you have questions, please call the ACVS office at (301) 916-0200 x111 or email jmagro@acvs.org.



NOMINATION FORM (fillable)

(Nominator, an ACVS Diplomate, is required to complete pages 2-6)

Nominee: _____ **Nominee's email:** _____

Preferred phone number: _____ **Year veterinary degree received:** _____

Mailing address: _____

Is this candidate aware that you are nominating them for the ACVS Merit Award? YES NO

This nomination form must be signed below by only one ACVS Diplomate, designated as the nominator.

Nominator: _____ **Nominator's email:** _____

Nominator's preferred phone number: _____

The nominator will forward a complete nomination packet in one email to Joanne Magro, executive assistant, jmagro@acvs.org, to include:

- the nomination form (fillable),
- the nominee's curriculum vitae, and
- at least two letters of support from ACVS Diplomates. Note: More than one ACVS Diplomate may sign support letters.

The ACVS office must receive all nominations and supporting documents no later than April 1 of the year of consideration. The Board of Regents reserves the right to request additional information.

The nominator must sign this form. By typing your name below, you agree to this as your electronic signature.

Nominator's signature

Date

NOMINATION FORM for ACVS MERIT AWARD

Selection Criteria – Supporting information

1. Provide evidence of an outstanding career in veterinary surgery with national and international recognition of the individual's contributions to the science and methodology of veterinary surgery. Selection emphasis is on the entire career of the nominee rather than on a single activity or incident. ***Provide a narrative summary. Limit to 500 words.***

NOMINATION FORM for ACVS MERIT AWARD

Selection Criteria – Supporting information

2. Provide evidence of fifteen years or more service as a veterinarian in such activities as clinical veterinary surgical practice; surgical instruction and equitable engagement of colleagues, residents, and students; the pursuit of surgical research; and other activities associated with advancing the practice of veterinary surgery and creating an inclusive, safe learning environment.

Provide a narrative summary. Limit to 500 words.

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Selection Criteria – Supporting information

3. Provide evidence of dissemination of information to colleagues through published works, scientific presentations, continuing education efforts, and inclusive tutoring activities locally, regionally, and nationally.

Provide a narrative summary. Limit to 300 words. ***If needed,*** attach a separate list of relevant publications, presentations, and tutoring activities in addition to the narrative summary.

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Selection Criteria – Supporting information

4. Provide evidence of contributions to other national and international surgical organizations such as volunteer service; mentoring; and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Provide a narrative summary. Limit to 500 words.