**Global Aquaculture Innovation Award**

**Application Form**

**Introduction**

In 2012, the Global Aquaculture Alliance established the Global Aquaculture Innovation Award to recognize individuals and companies finding new solutions to the key challenges facing aquaculture.

**What’s an aquaculture innovation?**

Examples include technologies that mitigate the occurrence of animal diseases or parasites, or that reduce or eliminate the use of antibiotics to treat animals; technologies that improve production efficiencies at the hatchery or farm levels while mitigating environmental impact; advances in offshore or land-based recirculation technologies; novel feed ingredients; reductions in carbon footprint through improved energy efficiency or regeneration; and social programs designed to improve living and working conditions at the farm or processing levels.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Both individuals and companies performing activities related to aquaculture may submit applications. Third parties may also submit an application on behalf of an individual or company.

**How do I apply?**

To apply, fill out the application form in its entirety and email it to GAA’s Dan Lee at dan.lee@aquaculturealliance.org and Steven Hedlund at steven.hedlund@aquaculturealliance.org. Visuals of the innovation, including photographs and illustrations, are strongly encouraged to be included with the application. The application process for the 2021 competition will open in the spring.

**How are the finalists determined?**

Three finalists are selected by five judges amongst a pool of applicants.

**Who are the judges?**

The competition is coordinated by GAA Standards Coordinator Dan Lee. The judges are Lee, GAA President George Chamberlain and current and former GAA Standards Oversight Committee members Alejandro Buschmann of i-mar Research and the Development Center of Coastal Resources and Environments, Dawn Purchase of the Marine Conservation Society and Michael Tlusty of the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

**How is the winner selected?**

Three finalists will be invited to present at a GOAL 2021 virtual event in the fall. The winner will be selected by audience vote.

**Who won the 2020 competition?**

The three finalists were Mark Luecke of Prairie AquaTech, Simão Zacarias of the University of Stirling and Pablo Berner of Nuseed. By audience vote, Zacarias was named the winner for his work on the shrimp-hatchery practice of unilateral eyestalk ablation.

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| Are visuals included with the application? |  |
| Will the nominee be available to present at GOAL 2020? |  |

Summarize the innovation (100 words max):

Describe the specific problem or area of concern that this innovation addresses (100 words max):

Describe the innovative solution to this problem (200 words max):

How does this innovative solution exceed standard industry practices (100 words max)?

Describe your success or outcomes (100 words max):

What is the potential scope for the application of this innovation to the wider industry (100 words max)?