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. This year’s seventh annual competition is sponsored by **Preferred Freezer Services**.

**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 and company.

**Who are the judges?**

The competition is coordinated by GAA Standards Coordinator Dan Lee. The judges include Lee; GAA President George Chamberlain; and 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.

**What’s the prize?**

Three finalists will be selected by the judges amongst the pool of applicants. The finalists will be invited to GAA’s GOAL 2019 conference at the Leela Palace in Chennai, India, from Oct. 21 to 24, 2018, to present their innovation during the Day 2 plenary. The finalists will be reimbursed for their economy-class flight and lodging (up to four nights), and their conference registration fee will be waived. Also, the finalists will be featured in GAA’s *Global Aquaculture Advocate*.

**How do I apply?**

To apply, fill out this application form in its entirety and email it to 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. Incomplete applications will be disregarded.

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| Are visuals included with the application? |  |
| Will the nominee be available to present at GOAL 2019? |  |

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)?