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 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.

**How are the finalists and winner determined?**

Three finalists will be selected by the judges amongst the pool of applicants. The winner will be selected by the GOAL 2020 audience for the third consecutive year. In 2019, a record 43 applications from 20 countries were submitted.

**What is the prize?**The three finalists will be invited to GAA’s GOAL 2020 conference at the Oklura Tokyo in Japan from Oct. 6 to 8, 2020, to present their innovation to the audience. The finalists will be reimbursed for their economy-class flight and lodging (up to three 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?**Applications for the 2020 competition will be accepted beginning in March. To apply, fill out this application form in its entirety and email it to Dan Lee at [dan.lee@aquaculturealliance.org](mailto:dan.lee@aquaculturealliance.org) and Steven Hedlund at [steven.hedlund@aquaculturealliance.org](mailto: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 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)?