

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SAVA AWARDS AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP 2026

Nominations for the SAVA Awards are invited. These awards are conferred on persons who have made exceptional and significant contributions in the fields of Veterinary Science, or the Veterinary Profession and they serve as a prestigious form of recognition of distinguished service. They require sufficient but concise justification for the nomination in the category selected, as outlined in the criteria listed for each category. The presentation of awards will be made at a suitable venue and occasion identified by SAVA and this usually occurs every second year to coincide with the Gala Dinner of the SAVA Biennial Congress. Please adhere to the nomination guidelines as set out below.

1. GOLD MEDAL OF THE SAVA

Awarded to any person, in recognition of outstanding and sustained scientific achievement, with a major impact in the field of veterinary science in South Africa. The medal will only be awarded once to a particular person, and there will be one award per year. The award requires a very comprehensive curriculum vitae and motivation.

2. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to any veterinarian registered with the SAVC in recognition of outstanding service to and advancement of the veterinary profession in South Africa. The award will only be bestowed once on a particular person, and there will be one award per year. The award requires a very comprehensive curriculum vitae and motivation.

3. BOSWELL AWARD

Awarded to any member of the SAVA for eminent service rendered to the profession through the SAVA. The award may be bestowed upon more than one person in a particular year.

4. CLINICAL AWARD OF THE SAVA

Awarded to any veterinarian or group of veterinarians who are registered with the SAVC and have excelled in applied veterinary practice. There is a limit of one award per clinical discipline per year. Past recipients become eligible for another award after a period of five years, for a different contribution.

5. RESEARCH AWARD OF THE SAVA

Awarded to one or more veterinarians for a body of research related to Veterinary Science, and published in scientific journals, that has made an important contribution to a particular field of study. Recipients of this award may be eligible for nomination for new original research. Submission to the Awards Committee may be made by candidates themselves.

6. YOUNG VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Awarded to one veterinarian registered with the SAVC per year, younger than 35 years of age or who has not been registered for longer than 10 years and who has made a significant contribution to veterinary science in his / her work sphere.

7. SOGA MEDAL

Awarded in recognition of exceptional community service rendered by a veterinarian registered with the SAVC or a veterinary student enrolled at a South African veterinary faculty. In addition to veterinary-related services, other forms of community service may be considered to support the nomination.

8. CITATION OF THE SAVA

The SAVA may bestow a citation upon one or more persons, including non-veterinarians, in recognition of specific achievements and / or meritorious contributions to the veterinary profession or the SAVA. More than one citation may be bestowed per year.

9. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Any SAVA member who has rendered long and outstanding service to the veterinary profession may be awarded Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Life Membership will not be granted to more than three people in one year.

10. HONORARY ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBER

Any person who is not a veterinarian and who has rendered outstanding service to veterinary science, or the veterinary profession may be awarded honorary associate life membership. Honorary Associate Life Membership will not be granted to more than three people in one year.

All nominations must be supported by:

- Submissions must be made on the official nomination form available from the SAVA office.
- A brief motivation in terms of the conditions of the specific award, including the impact the work of the nominee has had. Evidence supporting the motivation, such as testimonials, may be included.
- A full *curriculum vitae* of the nominee, including a list of publication(s) where applicable and all the contact details of the nominee.
- Copy (ies) of the relevant publication(s) in the case of the Research Award.
- It should be clearly understood that all SAVA Awards are conferred for contributions that have been made specifically in a South African context and not elsewhere.

Please note that:

- Any member of the SAVA may submit nominations, while others making nominations must include the support and signature of a SAVA member. Nominators are encouraged to channel their nominations via a SAVA Group or Branch.
- Non-SAVA members may be nominated for all categories except the Boswell Award and Honorary Life Membership.
- Unsuccessful nominations of previous years may, at the discretion of the Awards Committee, be held over for consideration in the following year.
- Where the nominator and seconder have indicated their permission, award categories of nominations could be changed by the Awards Committee.
- Members of the Awards Committee are permitted to propose or second candidates for awards, on condition that they recuse themselves when such nominations are discussed.

The onus is on members to submit appropriate nominations by the due date.

Failure to comply with the above will lead to disqualification of the nomination.

All nominations, in electronic format, marked for the attention of Prof G Bath, Chairperson, Awards Committee of the SAVA, must reach the SAVA office, Debbie Breeze by

FRIDAY, THE 31ST JULY 2026

**Nomination forms may be obtained from Ms Debbie Breeze
012 346 1150 or please send an email to debbie@sava.co.za**



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SAVA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM / SAVV TOEKENNINGS NOMINASIE VORM

1. Name of Candidate (full name and surname): _____

2. Address of candidate:

3. Award category: _____

4. Registered as a veterinarian: YES /NO

5. Proposed by (full names):

SIGNATURE PROPOSER: _____

6. Personal details of candidate:

Date of birth: _____

Qualifications: _____

Date of qualifications: _____

7. Will you accept your nomination being considered for any other award? YES/NO

Checklist: Please ensure that you have included all the necessary documentation.

	Relevant CV	Concise motivation demonstrating nominee's impact	List of publications	Positions held in SAVA
Gold Medal of SAVA	x	x	x	If applicable
President's Award	x	x	If applicable	X
Boswell Award	x	x	If applicable	X
Research Award	x	x	x	If applicable
Clinical Award	x	x	If applicable	If applicable
Young Veterinarian	x	x	If applicable	If applicable
Soga Medal	x	x	If applicable	If applicable
Citation of the SAVA	x	x	If applicable	If applicable
Honorary Life Member	X	X	If applicable	If applicable
Honorary Associate Life Member	x	x	If applicable	If applicable

**All nominations, in electronic format, marked for the attention of
Prof Gareth Bath. Chairperson of the Awards Committee, or
Debbie Breeze (Operational Manager) SAVA, Tel: 012-346 1150 /
debbie@sava.co.za must reach the office by the latest**

Friday 31st JULY 2026