

LEONARD A MAYNARD GRADUATE AWARD



This year's Maynard award winners are Michael Dineen (working with Mike Van Amburgh), Niko Kochendoerfer (working with Mike Thonney), Maureen Valentine (working with Debbie Cherney), and Sarah Lyons (working with Quirine Ketterings).

Dr. L.A. Maynard was one of Cornell University's most distinguished nutritionists. An endowment in his name was established to honor graduate students who have a nutrition-related program. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program in the Department of Animal Science and selection is based on "outstanding graduate performance." The award for 2017 is \$600.00.

Applicants were required to submit a brief resume that included evidence of tangible achievements in research, teaching and/or extension. In addition, each applicant's advisor had to submit a supporting letter. The deadline for the application and support letter was October 2, 2017. The winners were announced at the 2017 Cornell Nutrition Conference on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

I. CRITERIA FOR AWARD

- A) Graduate student enrolled at Cornell University in the Department of Animal Science
- B) Selection based on outstanding graduate performance
- C) Research must be nutrition-related

II. BACKGROUND FOR AWARD

Drs. Edith S. and Russel A. Rasmussen established an endowment for the award in 1988. The first two criteria are essentially verbatim from the letter by the family's trust officer when the award was established. The third criterion seeks to recognize Dr. Maynard's life-long commitment to animal nutrition and was established after discussions with Dr. J.M. Elliot, Department Chairman at the time the Endowment was established.

III. SELECTION PROCEDURE

A committee is established to select the annual winner(s). As operational criteria it is suggested that:

- a) "Enrolled" means enrolled in graduate school at the time of the particular CNC when the award is presented.
- b) "Outstanding graduate performance" will be assessed by tangible achievements including but not limited to abstracts, publications, extension presentations, and teaching accomplishments.
- c) "Nutrition-related" is broadly defined to represent the type of nutrition-oriented research that would or could be presented at the CNC.