



BioOne Ambassador Program Description and Application Guidelines 2024

The Award

Established in 2018, the annual **BioOne Ambassador Awards** recognize early career researchers who effectively communicate the importance and impact of their research to the public. The Wildlife Disease Association (WDA), as a partner publisher of BioOne, nominates up to three individuals each year to participate in the BioOne Ambassador Awards competition.

Winners receive a \$1,000 award from BioOne and wide dissemination of their research summary.

The Application Process

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current graduate student or early career researcher who received a graduate degree, DVM or equivalent, PhD or master's, within the last five years.
- Have published an article as an author (either lead or contributing) in the Journal of Wildlife Diseases during the previous calendar year.
- Be a current member of the Wildlife Disease Association.

Applicants must submit a 750-word, plain-language essay or video explaining their published research, and will be judged on their ability to explain to the public ***How does your research change the world?*** What are the **real-world implications and importance** of your work at a local or global level?

Nominated individuals will further work with the BioOne Ambassador Award program manager to polish their essay or video content.





The Outcome

The three individuals nominated by WDA will each receive a \$250 award which can be used for fees, books, supplies, equipment, and other educational expenses incurred by you as a student during the pursuit of your graduate degree, or to support travel to conferences, plus a 1-year WDA membership (Student or Regular Member Worldwide Online).

If any of these three submissions are chosen as winners by BioOne, they will receive an additional \$750 for a total award of \$1,000 from the WDA. This award may be used for fees, books, supplies, equipment, and other educational expenses incurred as a student during the pursuit of your graduate degree, or to support travel to conferences.

Check out the winners from previous years [HERE](#)

If you would like to be considered for a WDA nomination to BioOne for this science communication award, please send:

- A copy of your published manuscript.
- A 750-word, plain-language essay, or video in MP4 format or a password-protected link to your video on **How does your research change the world?** When thinking about how to draft your essay or video, consider the language you might use to describe this work to a family member.
- The year and institution where you received your DVM, PhD or master's degree.
- Your current affiliation.

Please send your submission to WDA Editor-in-Chief, Debra Bourne, editor@wildlifiedisease.org. For questions about eligibility contact Debra Bourne, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Wildlife Diseases, editor@wildlifiedisease.org, or Kaylee Byers, kaylee_byers@sfu.ca, our 2021 BioOne Ambassador Award winner.

Application Deadlines

- **December 11, 2023:** WDA solicits submissions from JWD student authors.
- **January 22, 2024:** Deadline for WDA to submit up to three nominees to BioOne.
- **January 22, 2024 - February 10, 2024:** Nominees can continue to polish their applications to BioOne.
- **February 11, 2024:** WDA nominees final submissions due to BioOne.
- **March 10, 2024:** Judging deadline.
- **April 8, 2024:** Winners publicly announced.