

# **The Luis Villalobos Award** ***Honoring Innovation by ACA Entrepreneurs*** **2015 Nomination Information**

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## **Award Criteria**

The Luis Villalobos Award recognizes the most ingenious and innovative idea recently financed by one of the member angel groups of the Angel Capital Association. Three finalists will be selected to attend the ACA Summit to be honored as a group. The award will be presented from among this group to the CEO of the company at the 2015 ACA's Summit.

## **Honoring Mr. Villalobos**

Luis Villalobos founded the Tech Coast Angels, one of the largest and most respected angel organizations in the world, in 1997. Companies funded by Tech Coast Angels have raised more than \$1 billion to date. He was a true “leading light” in the angel field, making 57 personal investments, educating numerous angels, and particularly in educating and mentoring entrepreneurs before he passed away in 2009. He was a sought-after expert and speaker about sophisticated angel investment. Luis appreciated ingenuity and entrepreneurial thinking in every aspect of life, and always looked to invest in and mentor the most innovative companies.

## **Award Recognition and Benefits**

Three finalist companies including the recipient of the Luis Villalobos Award will be recognized and honored at the 2015 ACA Summit to be held April 14 - 16, with an awards ceremony on April 15 followed by an evening reception in honor of the companies.

Registration for the three finalists and additionally travel costs for the winner will be covered by the award organizers. The finalists and winner will be announced in a press release, and included in information about the Luis Villalobos Award on the ACA website.

## **Award Timeline**

February 13, 2015	Nominations due (by 5 pm Central time)
February 27, 2015	Notification to Finalists (to recipients only)

## **Eligibility**

The award is open to companies that have received funding from an ACA member angel group from 2011 to 2015 and that are in operation when the application is submitted. No nominations will be accepted after February 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Central.

## **Rules**

- ACA member groups may submit up to two nominations per group.
- All nomination information must be submitted by the deadline (February 13, 2015) by 5 pm Central time.
- The maximum number of words for application questions must be followed. No additional information will be considered (although judges may review the company Web site).
- A representative from each of the finalist companies must attend the 2015 ACA Summit to receive their recognition on April 15th.

## Judging Criteria

The Luis Villalobos Award Committee consists of angel leaders including members of the ACA Board of Directors and a representative of the award sponsor. Decisions of the Award Committee will be final. The Committee will make its selection based on a number of criteria including:

1. Level of innovation, creativity, and ingenuity of the company's product, service or solution.
2. Ability to clearly communicate the problem the innovative idea addresses.

## Nomination Application

To receive consideration for the award, all parts of the nomination form must be completed and received no later than February 13, 2015. The two parts of the application (nominee and ACA member group endorsement) may be submitted separately.

Nomination forms may be submitted by the following mechanisms to Sarah Dickey:

1. In print form at:  
Sarah Dickey  
Angel Capital Association  
10977 Granada Lane, Suite 103  
Overland Park, KS 66211
2. Electronically at:  
[sdickey@angelcapitalassociation.org](mailto:sdickey@angelcapitalassociation.org)
3. By fax at:  
(913) 894-4707

**OR**

- 1) Complete both parts of the electronic versions of the nomination forms.
  - a. [Angel Nomination Piece](#)
  - b. [Company Application Piece](#)

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## Nomination Information *(to be completed by the company)*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Industry (circle one):

- *Life Sciences (pharma, medical devices, health care IT, etc.)*
- *Information Technology (hardware and software, social media, Web 2.0, etc.)*
- *Other (alternative energy, non-technical consumer products, financial services, other)*

Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees (FTE): \_\_\_\_\_

At your current running rate, what are your annual revenues (circle one):

- *\$0 - \$500,000*
- *\$500,000 - \$1 million*
- *\$1 - \$3 million*
- *\$3 - \$5 million*
- *Over \$5 million*

Explain the problem your idea address (100 words max)

Explain your solution and how it is exceptionally ingenious, creative, and innovative, especially versus other solutions (200 words max)

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## Nomination Information *(to be completed by ACA member / group)*

Nominated Company: \_\_\_\_\_

ACA Member / Group: \_\_\_\_\_

ACA Member Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ACA Member Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

ACA Member Data: Number of Portfolio Cos \_\_\_\_\_

(For Groups): Investment Structure (circle one): Network Fund Network w/Sidecar Fund Other

Date Founded: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Member Angels \_\_\_\_\_

Industry of the nominated venture (circle one):

- *Life Sciences (pharma, medical devices, health care IT, etc.)*
- *Information Technology (hardware and software, social media, Web 2.0, etc.)*
- *Other (alternative energy, non-technical consumer products, financial services, other)*

Please describe the role you / your angel group played in negotiating the terms of your investment round, plus the extent to which you were engaged in syndicating with co-investors. Do you currently have a Board seat? (100 words max)

Please provide the names of all angel groups and VCs on the venture's Cap Table:

How much total equity has the venture raised from all sources in how many rounds? How much of this has been provided by your group?

To honor Luis, we seek to recognize ideas that display an inspiring level of creativity, innovativeness, and ingenuity. Please discuss how your nominee portrays these inspiring qualities and characteristics. (200 words max)