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# SSSS Awards & Grants Policy

Descriptions, Guidelines, Processes, and Criteria

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### **SSSS Mission Statement**

*The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality is dedicated to advancing knowledge of sexuality and communicating scientifically based sexuality research and scholarship to professionals, policy makers, and the general public.*



*SSSS fosters a worldwide community of diverse professionals committed to a scholarly and scientific approach to acquiring and disseminating accurate knowledge of sexuality.*



*As a Society, we believe that freedom of inquiry is essential for the promotion of human welfare and the reduction of ignorance and prejudice about sexuality.*

## **Overview of SSSS**

- ❖ Founded in 1957 to encourage the rigorous systematic study of sexuality.
- ❖ SSSS is a 501(c)(3), non-profit professional membership organization.
- ❖ The Society's wide range of disciplines among its members, conference participants, and journal authors make SSSS an important part of the sexuality research community. Members include anthropologists, biologists, educators, historians, nurses, physicians, psychologists, sociologists, theologians, therapists, and many other disciplines.
- ❖ The Society has a strong commitment to "the next generation," and supports a vigorous student membership base, including a mentoring program of young professionals, preparing them to be leaders in their profession and SSSS.
- ❖ The Society's Awards & Grants Program recognizes professional excellence, public service, and service to the study of sexuality, as well as The Society.
- ❖ A broad range of committee activities provides numerous opportunities for the involvement of members in the work of The Society.

## Overview of SSSS Awards & Grants

*The Chair of the Awards & Grants Committee is typically filled by an At-Large member of the Board of Directors. If an At-Large member is not available to serve in this role, the Chair of the Awards & Grants Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The Chair of the Awards & Grants Committee is asked to serve at least a two-year term and is responsible for overseeing all the Awards & Grants, along with an administrative role for the awards and grants Managed by the SSSS Awards & Grants Committee.*

*SSSS sponsors several awards and grants, some presented annually and others every other year. All awards and grants are presented at the discretion of the SSSS Board of Directors. Each award and grant have its own guidelines, nomination or application process, and review criteria.*

*Details of the awards and grants are described in the following pages. Please address all inquiries to the SSSS office, [TheSociety@SexScience.org](mailto:TheSociety@SexScience.org).*

## General Policies for Awards & Grants

- Nominations and applications are open from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> for awards and grants managed by the SSSS Awards & Grants Committee, Board of Directors, and Student Co-Chairs. Refer to the specific sections below for awards and grants managed by the JSR Editor / Associate Editors and Conference Planning Committee.
- Only current SSSS members can make nominations/applications for the awards and grants, except for the Bullough Book Award.
- To ensure transparency, criteria for both eligibility and selection will be listed on the SSSS website, along with a description of how each award and grant recipient is chosen (including a list of current reviewers for each award).
- Rubrics will be used for the evaluation process of all awards and grants (except for the Board of Directors Awards, which will be selected through discussion and vote), and completed rubrics will be retained for at least two years after each award and grant recipient is selected.
- If assistance is needed to complete an online form or to submit a letter of support for nomination, please contact the SSSS office by phone at 610-443-3100 or by email at [thesociety@sexscience.org](mailto:thesociety@sexscience.org). The SSSS office will assist you with the nomination/application process and/or will provide additional details to you.
- All awards and grants will be issued by check, drawn from a US Bank. If a condition of the award or grant is to attend the SSSS Annual Conference, the check will be given to you at the conference. Otherwise, the check will be mailed to you.

Refer to the individual award or grant for specific guidelines, nomination/application process, selection, review criteria, and more.

## 1. Managed by the SSSS Awards & Grants Committee

The Committee Chair oversees the five awards and two grants managed by the SSSS Awards & Grants Committee. The Committee Chair serves primarily in an administrative role that includes inviting SSSS members to serve as a reviewer on a subcommittee, ensuring all subcommittees receive nomination materials in a timely fashion, monitoring the review process, etc.

Within the Awards & Grants Committee, there are four subcommittees, each comprised of three SSSS members who serve as reviewers. Subcommittee members are invited by the Committee Chair and approved by the Board of Directors. The reviewers on all subcommittees are asked to serve at least a two-year term. All subcommittees use rubrics (that correspond to the published criteria for selection) to rate the material that is submitted for each nominee/applicant for their respective award/grant. The Committee Chair provides the SSSS office with all rubrics.

The review process for each award and grant includes four steps: 1) each subcommittee member submits their independent reviews for each nominee/applicant to the SSSS office, 2) after the review process is complete and the SSSS office compiles the scores, the SSSS office will then inform the reviewers of the results, 3) the three reviewers of each subcommittee will meet to discuss the results (if applicable) and confirm the recipient of their respective award and/or grant, and 4) one member of each subcommittee will submit to the SSSS office the final decision for their respective award or grant.

If consensus cannot be reached within a particular subcommittee, the Committee Chair may cast the “tie-breaker” vote. If a subcommittee determines that no nominees are eligible for an award, the Board can vote to bring forward additional nominees for consideration. If this occurs, the Board will be responsible for submitting the nomination materials to the SSSS office. The SSSS office will forward the nomination materials to the respective subcommittee for review.

If there are questions about, or challenges to, any award or grant decision, the rubrics will serve as evidence of the fair and transparent review process. The SSSS office will retain the completed rubrics for at least two years.

If there are no nominations for an award in a given year, SSSS will not issue an award in that category.

The four Subcommittees are:

- A. Student Research Grant Subcommittee (Graduate Student Grant & Undergraduate Student Grant)
- B. Theoretical Paper Award / Bullough Book Award Subcommittee
- C. Social Justice/Public Policy Award Subcommittee
- D. Scientific Achievement Subcommittee (Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award and Fellow of The Society)

## **Student Research Grant Subcommittee**

### **Student Research Grants (Graduate Student Grant & Undergraduate Student Grant)**

The Proposal from each applicant is reviewed by the three-person Student Research Grant Subcommittee. If one of the subcommittee members is the professor, mentor, or chairperson of an applicant, that subcommittee member will be replaced to avoid a conflict of interest. The subcommittee will make grant recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. If a Board member is an advisor to any applicant, that Board member will abstain from the approval vote.

Two grants are awarded each year—one to a graduate student and one to an undergraduate student. However, if multiple applications are received in one student category and not the other (e.g., multiple applications are received from graduate students and no applications are received from undergraduate students), a second grant will be awarded based on merit in the same category (e.g., two graduate students will be chosen). If two student grants are awarded in the same category, there will be a first and second place chosen by the subcommittee in the amounts listed below for the graduate student grant and undergraduate student grant (\$1,500 awarded to first place and \$1,000 awarded to second place).

#### **The grant recipient receives:**

##### **Graduate Student Research Grant**

- **Receives the year the grant is awarded:**
  - Up to \$1,500 for research project (cannot be used for conference travel)
- **Awarded the *following year* to attend and present research project during the SSSS Annual Conference**
  - \$500 travel\*
  - One night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
  - Complimentary conference registration\*

##### **Undergraduate Student Research Grant**

- **Receives the year the grant is awarded:**
  - Up to \$1,000 for research project (cannot be used for conference travel)
- **Awarded the *following year* to attend and present research project during the SSSS Annual Conference**
  - \$500 travel\*
  - One night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
  - Complimentary conference registration\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

### General Requirements

- The applicant must be a current SSSS Student Member *before* applying for the grant and *must remain a member the following year* (in which they present their work at the Annual Conference).
- Applicants must be enrolled in a degree-granting program. The graduate student grant can be used to support a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, but it is not a requirement. The undergraduate student grant can be used to fund any project that is conducted while the applicant is an undergraduate student (even if they are no longer an undergraduate student when they present their findings at the Annual Conference).
- *After the application is submitted to The Society and before the application period ends (March 15), the applicant's mentor or chairperson of the applicant's department must submit an e-mail to TheSociety@SexScience.org confirming the applicant's student status.*

### Conditions on Accepting the Grant

- Attend the SSSS Annual Conference *the following year from when the grant is awarded* to receive their certificate and to present their research project.
- Acknowledge the project is "Supported by a Student Research Grant from The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)" in any publication or presentation based on data from the SSSS funded project.
- Renew their SSSS membership *the following year* for when they are presenting their research project during the conference.

### Application Period

The application period is open from January 1 – March 15 each year.

### Application Process

The student must complete an online application form, along with a biographical sketch, brief abstract, and proposal (for a blind review), as *three separate attachments*. See specific details below:

- **Application** All sections of the application form must be completed (incomplete applications and/or applicant's not following instructions will not be considered).
- **Biographical Sketch (first attachment)** Applicants will prepare a short biographical sketch (paragraph form), to include the title of your research project (approx. 200 words). If selected to receive the grant, the bio should be suitable for use on the SSSS website, and for an introduction at the SSSS Annual Conference (following year).
- **Brief Abstract (second attachment)** Applicants will prepare a brief abstract, to include the title, of the proposed research (approx. 150 words). *Prepare for blind review – Please make sure your name and/or the name of your institution/mentor/chairperson/professors are not mentioned anywhere on the brief abstract.* The brief abstract will be used by SSSS in a summary of all projects submitted, and should stand on its own, apart from the proposal (see page 8).

- **Proposal (third attachment)**

*Prepare for blind review – Please make sure your name and/or the name of your institution/chairperson/professors are not mentioned in any section of the Proposal.*

- Title - The title of the research project must appear at the top of the proposal.
- Proposal - Applicants must outline their proposed research (maximum five pages, double-spaced), including literature, methodology, and analysis (see evaluation criteria below).
- Bibliography/References
- Budget - Applicants must prepare a proposed budget for their project, with justification and explanation, including other sources of income or funding they have, or will, receive. (Note: Conference travel expenses are not eligible for this grant award and should not be included in the budget. Each grant includes \$500 for travel expenses to present at the SSSS conference.)

### **Helpful Tips**

- Applicants should avoid labeling their research a dissertation or thesis.
- The proposal should be sufficiently detailed to enable readers to understand the research questions, hypotheses, methods, and proposed qualitative or quantitative analyses (as applicable).

### **Review & Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Significance, novelty, and innovation of the project
- Clarity of, and justification for, the research question(s) and/or hypothesis(es)
- Soundness and appropriateness of the proposed methodology
- Appropriateness of the budget, and the extent to which the funds are necessary for conducting the study.
- The extent to which the proposal acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.





## **Theoretical Paper Award / Bullough Book Award Subcommittee**

### **Outstanding Theoretical Paper Award**

The nomination material is reviewed by the three-person Theoretical Paper/Bullough Book Award Subcommittee. While serving on the Committee, the Committee Chair and members of the Subcommittee are not eligible to win the award. If a Subcommittee member would like to be considered for the award, they will be replaced during that review year. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the SSSS Board of Directors for final approval. If a member of the Board is an author on a nominated paper, that Board member will abstain from the vote.

This award is given every other year (in alternate years from the Bullough Book Award) to recognize an outstanding journal article or chapter with a copyright in the previous two years, in which theoretical explanations of human sexual attitudes and/or behaviors are developed. In addition to careful theoretical development, emphasis will be placed on the use of relevant empirical evidence to examine the validity of the theoretical explanations.

#### **In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque (awarded to the first author)
- \$250 award (awarded to the first author)
- \$500 for travel to attend the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award and deliver a talk during a concurrent session\*
- One night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*The travel, hotel, and conference registration are limited to one author. If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

#### **Conditions on Accepting the Award**

Attend the SSSS Annual Conference to receive the award and present the article/chapter during a concurrent session.

#### **Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1 – March 15 every other year (in alternate years from the Bullough Book Award).

### Nomination Guidelines and Process

Authors of nominated articles/chapters do not need to be SSSS members, but the nominator must be a SSSS member. Self-nominations from SSSS members are welcome.

The nominator bears responsibility for submitting the completed nomination.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach two documents (pdf).

1. Article or Chapter
2. A letter, with a paragraph or two, explaining why this publication should be considered for the award.

### Review Criteria

The article/chapter is evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- The extent to which it advances a novel, parsimonious, and testable theory
- The extent to which the theory is applicable and useful for explaining human sexual attitudes and behaviors
- The extent to which the theory is examined considering relevant empirical evidence (new or existing)
- The extent to which the article or chapter acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.



### Bonnie and Vern L. Bullough Book Award

The nomination material is reviewed by the three-person Theoretical Paper/Bullough Book Award Subcommittee. The Committee Chair and members of the Subcommittee are not eligible to win the award. If a Subcommittee member would like to be considered for the award, they will be replaced during that review year. The Subcommittee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. If a member of the Board is the author/editor of a nominated book, that Board member will abstain from the vote.

This award is given every other year (in alternate years from the Outstanding Theoretical Paper Award) to recognize an outstanding book that best advances sexual science and has a copyright in the previous two years.

**In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque (awarded to the first author)
- \$250 award (awarded to the first author)
- \$500 for travel to attend the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award and deliver a talk during a concurrent session or hold a book-signing session\*
- One night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*The travel, hotel, and conference registration are limited to one author. If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

**Conditions on Accepting the Award**

- Attend the SSSS Annual Conference to receive the award and present a portion of the book during a concurrent session or hold a book-signing session. The book signing session would be held during the conference in the exhibit hall with the opportunity for the author(s) to sell their book.
- The publisher agrees to include in any advertising for the book this message: “Winner of the Bullough Book Award from The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.”

**Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1– March 15 every other year (in alternate years from the Outstanding Theoretical Paper Award).

**Nomination Guidelines and Process**

The nominator and/or author(s) of nominated book does not need to be a SSSS member. Self-nominations are welcome.

The nominator bears responsibility for submitting the completed nomination.

The book must be an original work (not a new edition or an anthology of previously published material) and can be aimed at professional or general audiences. It can be either authored or edited but should be strongly empirically informed.

The nominator must complete an online form nominating the book along with an application questionnaire, in which they provide:

- A synopsis of the book (no more than one page double-spaced)
- A description of how the book advances sexual science (no more than one page double-spaced)
- A description of how the content of the book is novel, innovative, and important (no more than one page double spaced).

### Review & Evaluation Process

Nominees for the Book Award will be evaluated in a two-step process.

1. The Subcommittee will first review the nominators' questionnaire responses. Based on the initial review, the Subcommittee will select a maximum of three books to be reviewed in its entirety. The SSSS office or Committee Chair will notify the three finalists.
2. *Finalists for the Bullough Book Award are required to send copies of the book (printed copy or electronic) to each of the three Subcommittee members for consideration.* The winning book will be chosen from the finalists.

### Review Criteria

Each book is evaluated on the following criteria:

- The extent to which the book advances sexual science
- The extent to which the book makes a coherent, meaningful, and important contribution to professional or lay understandings of sexual science
- The extent to which the content of the book is novel and innovative
- The extent to which the book acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.



## **Social Justice / Public Policy Award Subcommittee**

### Social Justice / Public Policy Award

The nomination material is reviewed by the three-person Social Justice / Public Policy Award Subcommittee. The Committee Chair and members of the Subcommittee are not eligible to win the award. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. If a member of the Board is nominated for the award in that year, that Board member will abstain from the vote.

Established in 1985, this award is given to an individual or organization for outstanding achievement or major impact in areas such as:

- Promoting public awareness of sexual issues
- Public advocacy
- Professional practice by educators, therapists, or health specialists
- Legislation or public policy formation

### **In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque (awarded to recipient or organization)
- \$500 award (awarded to recipient or chosen representative of the organization)
- Up to \$1,000 reimbursement for travel to the SSSS Annual Conference to attend the conference, accept the award, deliver a plenary address, and engage with the attendees\*
- Two nights' accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

### **Conditions on Accepting the Award**

Attend the SSSS Annual Conference to receive the award, deliver a plenary address, and engage with conference attendees.

(Note: In the case of an organizational winner, the organization must send an appropriate representative to deliver the plenary address.)

### **Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1 – March 15 each year.

### **Nomination Guidelines and Process**

Because the award is presented to an individual or an organization for outstanding achievement or major impact in areas of social justice / public policy, it is not necessarily restricted to members of SSSS. However, the nominator must be a SSSS member.

The nominator bears responsibility for recruiting individuals who support the nomination and for collecting and submitting the complete evidence file for the nominee.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach the following documents (pdf):

- Nominee's current CV (in the case of an individual)
- Two letters of support describing the nominee's contributions to social justice and/or public policy. The letters of support can be from two SSSS members or from a SSSS committee and one additional SSSS member.

### Primary Review Criteria

- Recent and long-term contributions to the advancement of sexual health and wellness, sexual and reproductive rights & justice, and/or public knowledge of sexuality issues.
- The extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.

### Secondary Review Criteria

The following secondary criteria will be used if the Subcommittee cannot come to consensus based on the primary criteria:

- The nominee's membership status and active involvement in SSSS
- The nominee's likely ability to effectively present their scholarly work in a clear and engaging plenary talk at the SSSS Annual Conference.



## **Scientific Achievement Subcommittee**

### **Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award**

The nomination material is reviewed by the three-person Scientific Achievement Subcommittee. The Committee Chair and members of the Subcommittee are not eligible to win the award. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. If a member of the Board is nominated for the award in that year, that Board member will abstain from the vote.

This award recognizes professionals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of sexual science. In line with SSSS's goal to advance the field as a scientific discipline, the award is presented to honor scientific contributions reflected in such professional activities as research, education, or therapy. The notion of scientific contribution is intended to be interpreted broadly to include activities such as publishing materials for the public, developing therapeutic or educational programs, and providing service to the public or the profession.

**In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque
- \$500 award
- Up to \$1,000 reimbursement for travel to the SSSS Annual Conference to attend the conference, accept the award, deliver a plenary address, and engage with the attendees\*
- Two nights' accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

**Conditions on Accepting the Award**

Attend the SSSS Annual Conference to receive the award, deliver a plenary address, and engage with conference attendees.

**Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1 – March 15 each year.

**Nomination Guidelines and Process**

Because the award is presented to recognize scientific work in the field of sexuality, it is not necessarily restricted to members of SSSS. However, the nominator must be a SSSS member.

The nominator bears responsibility for recruiting individuals who support the nomination and for collecting and submitting the complete evidence file for the nominee.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach the following documents (pdf):

- Nominee's current CV
- Two letters of support describing the nominee's contributions to the field of sexual science. The letters of support can be from two SSSS members or from a SSSS committee and one additional SSSS member.

### Primary Review Criteria:

- Impact of the nominee's body of scholarly work
- Depth and breadth of the scholarly work
- Influence of the work on research, theory, policy, and/or practice
- Novelty and innovation of the scholarly contributions
- Scholarly productivity (with recognition that "productivity" looks different depending upon context (e.g., a large collaborative research lab versus a faculty member who works with just a few graduate students), and format (e.g., articles versus books)
- Extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.

### Secondary Review Criteria

The following secondary criteria will be used if the Subcommittee cannot come to consensus based on the primary criteria:

- The nominee's membership status and active involvement in SSSS
- The nominee's likely ability to effectively present their scholarly work in a clear and engaging plenary talk at the SSSS Annual Conference.



### Fellow of the Society

The nomination material is reviewed by the three-person Scientific Achievement Subcommittee. The Committee Chair and members of the Subcommittee are not eligible to be named a Fellow. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. If a member of the Board is nominated for Fellow in that year, that Board member will abstain from the vote.

A SSSS member can be named a Fellow based on unusual and outstanding contribution to the scientific study of sex, defined as formal investigation designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.

Fellows must report a large body of scholarly work and demonstrate that their work has had impact on the work of others. The number and quality of publications should be equal, for example, to that of a full professor at a research-intensive university. Citation of the applicant's work by others can be an important indicator of the impact of his/her contributions. Accumulation of impact, and performance over time, must be demonstrated.

Although conducting and organizing workshops, offices held in relevant associations, or political and legislative activity are not in themselves evidence of outstanding contribution to the scientific study of sexuality, such activities may be considered secondarily as evidence of the nominee's commitment to advancing the field of sexuality research.



Fellows should function as scholarly leaders in SSSS and are expected to use their expertise to promote and advance the next generation of sexuality scholars through that involvement. For example, because of their scholarly expertise, Fellows are ideal to serve on a Subcommittee for the awards and grants, review abstracts for the Annual Conference, volunteer their time during an event for the Mentorship Program and/or Continuing Education E-Learning Program, bring their students and mentees to the SSSS Annual Conference, and more.

Up to two Fellows may be named each year, although there is no requirement to name a Fellow in any given year. Individuals who are nominated but not awarded Fellow status in a given year may be considered for Fellow status in future years.

### *Active and Emeritus Fellows*

Fellows of The Society are only “current” for as long as they maintain an active membership in SSSS. “Emeritus Fellows” are Fellows who are retired or deceased and are no longer maintaining an active membership (but were in good standing at the time of retirement or death). All “current” and “Emeritus” Fellows of The Society are listed on the SSSS website as an “Active Member” of The Society.

### *Inactive Fellow*

Fellows of The Society that do not continue their membership will be listed on the website, but not as an active member. Fellow status can be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in cases of confirmed scientific misconduct or serious breaches of professional ethics, including sexual misconduct or other forms of discrimination (see SSSS Values and Expectations).

### **In the year an individual is named a Fellow of The Society, they receive:**

- Commemorative plaque
- Complimentary conference registration
- An invitation to give a “Fellows Talk” during a concurrent session of the Annual Conference that highlights their recent scholarly work.

### **Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1 – March 15 each year.

### **Nomination Guidelines and Process**

Nominations are welcome from any SSSS member. Self-nominations are welcome.

A nominee must be a SSSS member for three consecutive years immediately preceding the year of their nomination.

A nominee must hold an advanced degree from a recognized college, university, or other institution of higher education.

A nominee must have five years of professional experience in sexual science since the granting of their advanced degree, and must be actively engaged, at the time of their nomination, in the advancement of the scientific study of sexuality.

The nominator bears responsibility for recruiting individuals who support the nomination and for collecting and submitting the complete evidence file for the nominee.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach the following documents:

- Nominee's current CV
- Two letters of support from SSSS members. If the nomination is not a self-nomination, one letter can come from the nominator. The letters of support can be from two SSSS members or from a SSSS committee and one additional SSSS member.

Individuals who are nominated but not awarded Fellow status in a given year may be considered for Fellow status in future years.

### Primary Review Criteria

- Scholarly productivity (with recognition that “productivity” looks different depending upon context (e.g., a large collaborative research lab versus a faculty member who works with just a few graduate students), and format (e.g., articles versus books)
- Impact of the nominee's body of scholarly work (including citations by other researchers and impact on policy/practice)
- The extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.

### Secondary Review Criteria

The following secondary criteria will be used if the Subcommittee cannot come to consensus based on the primary criteria:

- Advancement of sexual science through non-scholarly activity such as conducting and organizing workshops, offices held in relevant associations, or political and legislative activity.
- Mentorship of junior scholars.
- History of active involvement in SSSS.



## 2. Award Managed by the Board of Directors

Any member of SSSS can submit a nomination for the award managed by the Board of Directors, the Distinguished Service to SSSS Award. The Board may also generate its own nominees.

The award recipient will be selected through discussion and vote of the Board of Directors. Members of the current Board of Directors are not eligible for the award.

### Distinguished Service to SSSS Award

In 1985, SSSS initiated the Distinguished Service to SSSS Award to recognize SSSS members for their outstanding service to the organization. Examples include, but are not restricted to, extensive volunteer participation on committees or task forces, the holding of important organizational leadership positions, or having been previously elected to the Board of Directors.

Members of the current Board of Directors are not eligible for the award.

#### **In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque
- \$500 for travel to attend the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

#### **Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1– March 15 each year.

#### **Nomination Guidelines and Process**

Nominations are welcome from any SSSS member.

Nominees must be current, typically long-term, SSSS members.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach the following document(s):

- Nominee's current CV (if available)
- Letter describing the nominee's service to SSSS
- Additional letters of support from SSSS members are welcome, but not required.

#### Review Criteria

- Amount of Service — number of positions held and/or total time spent in the service of SSSS
- Sustained Service — evidence of a long-term commitment to SSSS
- Quality of Service — evidence of important goals accomplished, initiatives completed, and evidence that the service substantially contributed to SSSS
- The extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.



### 3. Award Managed by the Student Co-Chairs

Any member of SSSS can submit a nomination for the award managed by the Student Co-Chairs, the Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award.

The Student Co-Chairs use an established rubric for the review process. The Student Co-Chairs submit their independent reviews for each nominee to the SSSS office. After the review process is complete and the SSSS office compiles the scores, the SSSS office will then inform the co-chairs of the results. The co-chairs will meet to discuss the results (if applicable) and confirm the recipient of the award. The Sr. Co-Chair will submit to the SSSS office the final decision for the award. The office retains the rubrics for at least two years. If there are questions about, or challenges to, the award decision, these records will serve as evidence of a fair and transparent review process.

To avoid a conflict of interest, current SSSS Student Co-Chairs cannot nominate a mentor.

### **Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award**

A long-time SSSS member anonymously and generously endowed a substantial fund in honor of their great mentor, Lester A. Kirkendall. This award is designed to highlight individuals who, in the tradition of Dr. Kirkendall, are outstanding mentors. SSSS recognizes one individual per year for providing exceptional mentorship to students.

**What is a mentor?** A mentor provides knowledge, assistance, encouragement, empathy, and respect to a mentee. They create a supportive environment that fosters networking and collaboration, which help develop a mentee's long-term career goals.

**What is a mentee?** A mentee benefits from the mentor's support, skills, and wisdom while pursuing the mentee's own career goals.

#### **Benefits of the Mentor/Mentee Relationship**

Both sides benefit from the mentor/mentee relationship.

Individuals who have mentoring relationships (mentees) are more productive, more involved in their field, and more satisfied with the work they are doing.

Mentors can acquire a fresh perspective in sexuality studies or gain a reputation for identifying and developing top-notch talent. These benefits are passed on as good mentors promote a tradition of mentoring practices in their mentees.

#### **In the year the award is presented, the recipient receives:**

- Commemorative plaque
- \$500 for travel to attend the SSSS Annual Conference and to accept the award\*
- One night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- Complimentary conference registration\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

#### **Nomination Period**

The nomination period is open from January 1 – March 15 each year.

#### **Nomination Guidelines and Process**

A nominee (mentor) must be nominated by a mentee who receives, or has received, direct mentorship from the nominee by providing guidance to the student and/or professional in the field of sexuality.

The mentor/mentee relationship must exceed one year and may include a current or past mentorship.

The mentor (nominee) does not need to be a SSSS member, but the nominator (mentee) must be a current SSSS professional or student member.

Each mentee can only nominate one mentor each year.

The nominator must complete an online form and attach a letter (pdf), with no more than 1,000 words in length, to include:

- Nature of mentor/mentee, e.g., advisor, internship coordinator, employer, etc.
- Duration of mentor/mentee relationship
- Qualities that the mentor possesses that make, or made, the individual a good mentor, and how the mentor exhibited these qualities
- Examples that set the mentor apart from other mentors, especially qualities that go beyond any requirements of the mentor's job.

If more than one mentee is interested in nominating the same mentor, a separate unique letter must be written by each mentee. The unique letters must be merged as separate letters into one document so the nominator can attach one document (pdf) during the submission process. The number of mentees that submit a letter about a mentor will not be a criterion of judgment in the award selection process.

If there are multiple mentees nominating the same mentor, the nominator bears responsibility for collecting and submitting the complete evidence file for the nominee (mentor).

### Review Criteria

- Evidence of strong and sustained commitment to mentorship that goes beyond the nominee's job requirements
- Evidence of mentorship that promotes knowledge and skill-building, and helps advance the mentee's career options and opportunities
- Evidence of mentorship that is empathic, encouraging, and sensitive to mentee's needs and goals
- The extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.



## 4. Awards Managed by the JSR Editor/Associate Editors

### Hugo G. Beigel Award

Clive M. Davis, the second editor of *The Journal of Sex Research* (JSR), initiated the Beigel Award. The award is named in memory of Dr. Hugo Beigel, a founding member of SSSS and the first editor of JSR, a position he held for 13 years.

The award recognizes and promotes research excellence in sexual science and is granted annually to the author(s) of an outstanding report published during the prior year in JSR.

The award recipient(s) is selected by the JSR Editor and Associate Editors.

The award is funded by Taylor & Francis, the publisher of *The Journal of Sex Research*.

#### *In the year the award is presented, the first author receives:*

- Certificate of Research Excellence
- \$500 award
- Complimentary conference registration to attend the SSSS Annual Conference and to receive the award.

All refereed articles published in JSR for the prior year are eligible for the award, except for review articles in the Annual Review of Sex Research special issue, introductions to special issues, editorials, or articles in which the Editor or Associate Editors were authors.

### Selection Process

The JSR Editor and each Associate Editor independently rate the quality of each eligible article, using a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being “Outstanding”), based on the appropriateness and rigor of the methods, the importance and novelty of the scholarly contribution, the theoretical significance, and the clarity of the writing. For each article, the JSR Editor collects all ballots and averages the scores. The article with the highest average score receives the award. In the case of a tie, the award is given to both articles, in which the first author will receive \$250 each. The JSR Editor retains all ballots for at least two years. If there are questions about, or challenges to, the award decision, the ballots serve as evidence of a fair and transparent review process.

### Selection Deadline

The selection deadline is July 1st each year.



## **Student Paper Award**

The award recognizes and promotes excellence in student research and is granted annually to the author(s) of an outstanding article, with a student as first author, published during the prior year in *The Journal of Sex Research* (JSR).

The award recipient(s) is selected by the JSR Editor and Associate Editors.

The award is funded by Taylor & Francis, the publisher of *The Journal of Sex Research*.

### **In the year the award is presented, the *first author* receives:**

- Certificate of Research Excellence
- A \$500 award
- Complimentary conference registration to attend the SSSS Annual Conference and to receive the award.

All articles with a student as first author that are published in JSR in the prior year are eligible for and will automatically be considered for the award except for review articles in the Annual Review of Sex Research special issue, introductions to special issues, editorials, or papers that have a JSR Editor or Associate Editor as a co-author. The first author must be a student or have graduated 6 months or less prior to when they initially submitted the paper.

### **Selection Process**

The JSR Editor and each Associate Editor independently rate the quality each eligible article, using a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being “Outstanding”), based on the appropriateness and rigor of the methods, the importance and novelty of the scholarly contribution, the theoretical significance, and the clarity of the writing. For each article, the JSR Editor collects all ballots and averages the scores. The article with the highest average score receives the award. In the case of a tie, the award is given to both articles, in which the first author will receive \$250 each. The JSR Editor retains all ballots for at least two years. If there are questions about, or challenges to, the award decision, the ballots serve as evidence of a fair and transparent review process. If the Beigel Award winner is a student paper, then the next highest rated student paper will receive the Student Paper Award.

### **Selection Deadline**

The selection deadline is July 1st each year.





## 5. Grants Managed by the Conference Planning Committee

A SSSS professional member who is an early-career professional from a marginalized group(s), and who is submitting their research project (as lead author) to be considered for presentation (as lead presenter) at the SSSS Annual Conference, can apply to receive a grant managed by the Conference Planning Committee, the Travel Grant for Early Career Professionals from Marginalized Groups.

The Committee members use an established rubric for the review process. The Committee members submit their independent reviews for each applicant to the SSSS office. After the review process is complete and the SSSS office compiles the scores, the SSSS office will then inform the Committee members of the results. The Committee members will meet to discuss the results (if applicable) and confirm the recipient of the award with the SSSS office. The office retains the rubrics for at least two years. If there are questions about, or challenges to, the grant decisions, these records will serve as evidence of a fair and transparent review process.

### Travel Grants for Early-Career Professionals from Marginalized Groups

A travel grant will be awarded to *two SSSS professional members* who are early career professionals from a marginalized group(s) and who's research project was accepted to be presented during the SSSS Annual Conference.

An early-career professional is an individual who has completed their terminal degree within the past 5 years.

A marginalized group could include, but is not necessarily limited to, BIPOC, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and first-generation college graduates.

The grants are funded by Taylor & Francis, the publisher of *The Journal of Sex Research* (two grants awarded per year).

**Not Eligible:** Current SSSS student members, graduate students, or students who graduate(d) in the current calendar year are not eligible to apply. If you graduate(d) in the current calendar year, please consider applying for the travel grant next year.

### **The year the grant is presented, the recipients receive:**

- Certificate
- Complimentary conference registration\*
- Three night's accommodation at the conference host hotel\*
- \$300 intended to help cover the cost of other travel expenses\*

\*If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the recipient lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), travel and hotel will not be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

### Conditions on Accepting the Grant

- The recipient must attend the conference the year the grant is awarded.
- The recipient agrees to be mentioned as the Travel Grant recipient during the conference, on the SSSS website (Sexual Science News, Conference page, etc.), and Conference Program/Event App.

### Application Period

Identical to the SSSS Annual Conference Abstract Portal open & close dates.

### Application Process

SSSS professional members, who are eligible to receive the Travel Grant, can start the application process by selecting to apply for the Travel Grant during the abstract submission process (as lead author) to be considered for presentation (as lead presenter) at the SSSS Annual Conference.

#### Step 1 of 2 – Travel Grant Application / Abstract Portal

*During the abstract submission process, select to apply for the travel grant to complete the items below:*

- Graduation year of terminal degree
- Abstract information (title, abstract, authors, presenters, etc.)
- CV (as a pdf attachment)

Within seven days of receiving the submitted abstract, *to include all requirements from Step 1 (above)*, an email with additional information will be sent to the applicant, so Step 2 (below) can be completed. Note: The email will be sent to the email address that was used when submitting your abstract, and only if ALL required information is completed from Step 1.

#### Step 2 of 2 – Travel Grant Application / SSSS Member Portal

*The email will include additional instructions, to include a link, to submit an essay. To submit your essay, you must first log-in to the SSSS Member Portal. Essay (up to 500 words) should include:*

- Why you are eligible - be sure to indicate the marginalized group(s) you identify with.
- Why you need and how you would benefit from the travel grant.
- If you have any other sources of travel funding.

### Review Criteria

Two grant recipients will be chosen by the Annual Conference Planning Committee, based on the criteria below:

- Quality of conference abstract submitted
- Research accomplishments in the field of sexual science
- Financial need and benefits of conference attendance as described in the essay

***Incomplete applications and/or applicant's not following instructions will not be considered.***





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