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SSSS Awards & Grants

Descriptions, Policies and
Selection Processes

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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 on 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

SSSS sponsors several awards, some presented annually and others every other year. All awards are presented at the discretion of the SSSS Board of Directors. Each award and grant has its own guidelines, application procedures, and selection criteria.

Details of the awards and grants are described in the following pages. Please address all inquiries to the SSSS office, TheSociety@SexScience.org. 

General Award & Grant Policies

- Nominations and applications for SSSS Awards Committee, Board of Director and Student Co-Chair awards and grants are open from January 1st through March 15th.
- Only current SSSS members can make nominations for the awards, 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 winner is chosen (including a list of current reviewers for each award).
- Rubrics will be used for evaluating nominees for all awards (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 the selection of each award winner.

1. Awards & Grants Managed by the SSSS Awards Committee

For the four awards and ~~one~~ two grants managed by the SSSS Awards Committee, the Awards Committee Chair serves primarily an administrative role that includes helping solicit nominations, finding subcommittee members (i.e., reviewers), ensuring all reviewers receive appropriate review materials in a timely fashion, and monitoring the review process. If consensus cannot be reached within a particular subcommittee, the Awards Chair may cast the “tie-breaker” vote.

The role of Awards Chair is typically filled by a Member-at-Large from the Board of Directors, unless no Member-at-Large with the skills or interest serves in this role. In that case, the Awards Chair is appointed by the Executive Committee. Within the Awards Committee, three subcommittees each comprised of three SSSS members serve as reviewers. Subcommittee members are chosen by the Awards Chair and approved by the Board of Directors. The Awards Chair and 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 nominees and select winners. The Awards Chair provides the SSSS office with all completed rubrics. The office will retain these rubrics for at least two years. If there are questions about, or challenges to, any award decisions, the rubrics will serve as evidence of the fair and transparent review process.

The three Awards Subcommittees are:

- A. Student Grant Subcommittee (Graduate Student & Undergraduate Student)
- B. Theoretical Paper Award / Bullough Book Award Subcommittee
- C. Scientific Achievement Subcommittee (for Distinguished Scientific Achievement and Fellow Awards)

Student Research Grants

These grant applications are reviewed by the three-person Student Grant Subcommittee. If one of the Subcommittee members is the mentor of an applicant, that subcommittee member will be replaced to avoid a conflict of interest. The Subcommittee will make award 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. All recipients must agree to make a presentation at the SSSS Annual Conference the following year. Further, in any publication or presentation based on data from the

SSSS funded project, all recipients must acknowledge that their project is “Supported by a Student Research Grant from The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.”

The maximum amount of each grant is:

1. Graduate Student Grant

- Up to \$1,500 for research (cannot be used for conference travel)
- \$500 for travel the following year to present during a concurrent session at the SSSS Annual Conference.
- One night accommodation in the conference hotel
- Complimentary conference registration
- If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

2. Undergraduate Student Grant

- Up to \$1,000 (cannot be used for conference travel)
- \$500 for travel the following year to present during a concurrent session at the SSSS Annual Conference.
- One night's accommodation in the conference hotel
- Complimentary conference registration
- If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

General Requirements

- Each applicant must be a current SSSS Student Member before applying for the grant and must remain a membership 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).
- 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.

Application Period

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

- **Part 1 — Student Research Grant Application**

All sections of the application form must be completed.

- **Part 2 — Brief Abstract**

Applicants will prepare a 150-word abstract of their proposed research. The abstract will be used by SSSS in a summary of all projects submitted, and should stand on its own, apart from the Proposal (see description below). The title must appear on the Brief Abstract, as well as the applicants name and complete address.

- **Part 3 — Biographical Sketch**

Applicants will prepare a short biographical sketch, suitable for use on the SSSS website and to introduce them at the SSSS Annual Conference.

- **Part 4 — Proposal Blind Review**

Applicants must not put their name or name of their institution or professors in any section of Part 4.

- **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

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.



Outstanding Theoretical Paper Award

This award is reviewed by the three-person Theoretical Paper/Bullough Book Award Subcommittee. While serving on the Awards Committee, the 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.

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

The winner receives . . .

The author(s) of the winning article or chapter receives:

- A commemorative plaque
 - A \$250 award (awarded to the first author)
 - \$500 for travel to the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award and deliver a talk during a concurrent Conference session
 - One night accommodation in the conference hotel
 - Complimentary conference registration
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Note: The travel, hotel, and conference registration payments are limited to one author. If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Conference attendance and presenting during a concurrent session are conditions for accepting the award.

General Requirements

Nominations must include:

- the article or chapter
- a letter, with a paragraph or two explaining why this publication should be considered for this award

Nomination Period

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

Review Criteria

The paper/chapter are 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.



Bullough Book Award

This award is reviewed by the three-person Theoretical Paper/Bullough Book Award Subcommittee. The Awards 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.

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

The winner receives . . .

Author(s) of the winning book receives:

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

Notes: The travel, hotel, and conference registration payments are limited to one author. If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Conference attendance and a book-signing session or presentation during a concurrent session are conditions for accepting the award. Additionally, as a condition of the award, 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.”

The author(s) is also offered the option of:

- 1) an opportunity to present a portion of their book during a conference concurrent session, or
- 2) a table in the exhibit hall throughout the conference to sell their book. The author/publisher is responsible for staffing the table.

Nomination Period

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

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
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- 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.

Nomination Requirements

- 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).
- 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 those finalists.

Review & Evaluation

Nominees for the Book Award will be evaluated in a two-step process. The Subcommittee will first review the nominators' questionnaire responses. Based on that initial review, the Subcommittee will select a maximum of three books to be reviewed in their entirety. 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 those finalists.



Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award

Nominations are reviewed by the three-person Scientific Achievement Award Subcommittee. The Awards 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.

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 winner receives . . .

The award winner receives:

- A \$500 award
- \$500 for travel the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award and deliver a plenary presentation
- One night's accommodation in the Conference hotel
- Complimentary Conference registration

Note: If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Conference attendance and making a plenary presentation are conditions for accepting the award.

Nomination Period

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations require the following materials:

- Nominee's current CV
- Two letters of support from SSSS members

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

Primary Selection 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))
- The extent to which the nominee acknowledges, includes, values, and/or amplifies diverse voices and strengths in sex science.

Secondary Selection 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

Nominations are reviewed by the three-person Scientific Achievement Award Subcommittee. The Awards 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.

Nomination Guidelines

Fellow nominees must have been SSSS members for three consecutive years immediately preceding the year of their nomination. Nominees must hold an advanced degree from a recognized college, university, or other institution of higher education. Nominees 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.

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.

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). 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).

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 as mentors in the SSSS Mentorship Program, to serve on the Awards Committee, to review abstracts for the Annual Conference, and to bring their students and mentees to SSSS Annual Conferences.

The winner receives . . .

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

- A 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 1st through March 15th each year.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are welcome from any SSSS member, and self-nominations are welcome. The nomination should include the nominee’s current curriculum vita and two letters of support from SSSS members (Note: If the nomination is not a self-nomination, one letter can come from the nominator).

The nominator bears responsibility for recruiting individuals who support the nomination, and for submitting the complete nomination.

Primary Selection 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 Selection 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. Awards Managed by the Board of Directors

For the Board of Directors Awards, any member of SSSS can submit a nomination for an award. The Board may also generate its own nominees. Winners will be chosen by a vote of the Board of Directors.

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

The winner receives . . .

The winner of the award will receive:

- A commemorative plaque
- Complimentary conference registration for the year in which the award is given
- \$500 for travel to the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award

Note: If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel payment will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Nomination Period

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are welcome from any SSSS member. The nomination should include the nominee's current curriculum vita and a letter describing the nominee's service to SSSS. Additional letters of support from SSSS members are welcome, but not required.

Primary Selection 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 and 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.



Social Justice / Public Policy Award

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

The award winner need not be a SSSS member. Members of the current Board of Directors are not eligible for the award.

As a condition of the award, the winner must attend the SSSS Annual Conference to receive the award and to deliver a plenary presentation. (Note: In the case of an organizational winner, the organization must send an appropriate representative to deliver the plenary address.)

The winner receives . . .

The award winner receives:

- A commemorative plaque
 - A \$500 award presented to the winner or chosen representative of the organization
 - \$500 for travel the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award and deliver a plenary presentation
 - One night's accommodation in the conference hotel
 - Complimentary conference registration
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Note: If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Conference attendance and making a plenary presentation are conditions for accepting the award.

Nomination Period

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are welcome from any SSSS member. The nomination should include the nominee's current curriculum vita (in the case of an individual) and a letter describing the nominee's contributions to social justice and/or public policy. Additional letters of support from SSSS members are welcome, but not required.

Primary Selection Criteria:

- Recent and long-term contributions to the advancement of sexual health and wellness, sexual and reproductive rights and justice, and/or public knowledge of sexuality issues.
- Ability to deliver an engaging and relevant plenary session at the SSSS annual meeting.
- 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

The winner of this award is selected by a committee comprised of the two current SSSS Student Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs independently rate the nominees using an established rubric (see selection criteria below). Disagreements are resolved through discussion. The Student Co-Chairs provide the SSSS office with their completed rubrics. The office retains these 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.

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.

The SSSS Student Co-Chairs on the Board of Directors welcome nomination materials for the Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award from any SSSS member (including student members).

Mentor Eligibility

Nominees must have served as mentors, providing guidance to students and/or developing professionals in the field of sexuality. The mentor relationship must exceed one year and may include a current or past mentorship.

The nominee does not need to be a SSSS member.

The winner receives . . .

The award winner receives:

- A commemorative plaque
- \$500 for travel the SSSS Annual Conference to accept the award
- One night's accommodation in the conference hotel
- Complimentary conference registration



Note: If travel is not required to attend the conference (e.g., the winner lives in the conference city or SSSS holds a virtual conference), no travel or hotel payments will be provided, but complimentary conference registration will remain in place.

Mentee (Nominator) Eligibility

Nominees must be nominated by a mentee who receives, or has received, direct mentorship from the nominee.

A nominator (mentee) must be a current SSSS member (including a Student member). Each mentee can only nominate one mentor each year. To avoid a conflict of interest, current SSSS Student Co-Chairs cannot nominate a mentor.

Nomination Period

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nomination letters must be submitted by one individual. More than one unique letter can be submitted about the same mentor, if such letters are from different mentees. However, the number of mentees that submit letters about a given mentor will not necessarily be a criterion of judgment in the award-selection process. Nomination letters should be no more than 1,000 words in length.

If, for any reason, a letter cannot be submitted, the committee will accept audio files no more than five minutes.

Nomination letter(s) should 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.

Primary Selection 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. This award is funded by Taylor & Francis, publishers of SSSS's *Journal of Sex Research*.

This 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 winner(s) are selected by the JSR Editor and Associate Editors.

The winner receives . . .

The award winner receives:

- A Certificate of Research Excellence
- A \$500 award
- Complimentary conference registration

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 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. 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

This award recognizes and promotes excellence in student research and is granted annually to an outstanding article with a student as first author published in JSR during the prior year. The winner is selected by the JSR Editor and Associate Editors. This award is funded by Taylor & Francis, publishers of SSSS's *Journal of Sex Research*.

The winner receives . . .

The award winner receives:

- A Certificate of Research Excellence
- A \$500 award
- Complimentary conference registration

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 submit 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. 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 paper 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

Travel Grants for Early-Career Professionals from Marginalized Groups

Each year, two travel grants will be awarded for early-career professional members (within 5 years of completing their terminal degree), who are presenting at the SSSS annual conference and who are from marginalized groups; this could include, but is not necessarily limited to, BIPOC, first-generation college graduates, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and individuals with disabilities. This award is funded by Taylor & Francis, publishers of SSSS's *Journal of Sex Research*.

The winner receives . . .

The grant recipients will receive:

- An award certificate.
- Free conference registration, three paid nights in the conference hotel, and a check for \$300 (delivered at the conference) intended to help cover the cost of other travel expenses. (Total value approximately \$1,500 per award winner.)

Selection Process

SSSS members may self-nominate for the travel grants at the time that they submit their abstract for the annual conference. Members interested in self-nominating will answer additional questions including:

- The year that they completed their terminal degree.
- A short essay (500 words maximum) about why they are eligible and why they need and would benefit from the travel grant, including whether they have any other sources of travel funding.
- A CV

Winners will be chosen by the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

Selection Criteria:

- 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





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