



Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR)
2026 Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award

Purpose: The SSTAR Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award recognizes the scholarly work of students and trainees who are developing a career in the field of sexuality or sexual health, fostering the professional development of individuals beginning their careers in this area.

Eligibility: Submissions are invited from full- or part-time students and trainees who, at the time of submission, are enrolled in an accredited graduate degree program, postdoctoral fellowship, internship, residency, or fellowship sponsored by a recognized institution of higher education or an accredited teaching hospital or health facility.

Submissions may be any **unpublished** scholarly work that focuses on sexuality or sexual health, including the understanding, assessment, treatment, or prevention of sexual concerns.

Examples of possible submissions are:

- A report of empirical research
- A critical review of a body of literature
- A treatment protocol
- A theoretical analysis
- The development of a teaching program

Instructions: To be considered for the award, please submit the following documents to the Leiblum Award Chair, Dr. Katrina Bouchard by email (katrina.bouchard@ubc.ca).

1. ***NEW for 2025/26* Cover sheet.** Please complete the **standardized** cover sheet below and submit it with the manuscript. The applicant's name should only appear on the cover sheet and co-authors must sign the cover sheet prior to submission.
2. **Manuscript.** The submission should consist of a **double-spaced** manuscript, including references to the relevant literature. An abstract should be included on the first page (1-page limit). There is a 25-page limit for the text, **excluding** the abstract, references, tables, and figures. All submissions must be de-identified (i.e., masked for review).

Deadline: Monday, October 20, 2026 at 11:59 PM Central Time. Applications received after this date will not be considered for the award.

Reminder All individuals who wish to be considered for a presentation (oral or poster format) at the SSTAR Annual Meeting **must submit a separate abstract** for consideration. Please follow the submission instructions and separate deadline in the SSTAR Call for Abstracts from the Scientific Program Co-Chairs.

Selection Criteria: Submissions for the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award will be judged by a committee of SSTAR members on originality, scientific and/or professional quality, written presentation, and contribution to the research and/or clinical fields. All applicants can expect to receive an email from the Leiblum Award Chair about the results of the award by mid-December.

Award: The recipient of the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award will be asked to give a 20-minute oral presentation of the submitted manuscript at the next SSTAR Annual Meeting, typically on the final day of the conference. At the time of the presentation, a plaque and cash award of \$100 will be presented. Additionally, the award recipient will:

- Have their travel expenses, conference registration, and hotel accommodation (2 nights) covered for the annual meeting.
- Receive a free, one-year, student membership, pending application approval by SSTAR.
- Be asked to acknowledge the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award in any future publication of the paper.
- Serve on the review committee for the next year of the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award. This involves reading and scoring of a subset of the submissions on a pre-set rubric.

Individuals who submit a paper for the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award but are not selected for the award will be given a free, one-year, student membership, pending application approval by SSTAR.

If you have questions about the SSTAR Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award, please contact the SSTAR office at info@sstarnet.org.



Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award – Cover Sheet

Please note that the applicant's name should only appear on this cover sheet.

Applicant Information	
Name	
Email address	
Mailing address	
Telephone number	
Program <i>(at time of submission)</i>	
Supervisor	

Submission Information	
Title	
List of co-authors	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable, I am the sole author of the submission. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Publication statement	This submission... <input type="checkbox"/> has not been submitted for publication <input type="checkbox"/> has been submitted for publication and is under review <input type="checkbox"/> has been submitted for publication and is under revision

Authorship Statement

We the undersigned confirm that the applicant is the primary author of this submission.

Signatures

_____ Applicant	_____ Co-Author 1	_____ Co-Author 2
_____ Co-Author 3	_____ Co-Author 4	_____ Co-Author 5