

Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR)
2027 Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award Instructions

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Submissions may be any **unpublished** scholarly work that focuses on sexuality or sexual health, including the understanding, assessment, treatment, or prevention of sexual concerns.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. Noémie Bigras by email (noemie.bigras@uqo.ca).

1. **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 **30-page limit** for the text, **excluding** the abstract, references, tables, and figures. To ensure a fair and equitable evaluation process, all submitted manuscripts must adhere to APA 7th edition formatting guidelines, including 1-inch margins, an APA-approved font (e.g., Times New Roman 12-point, Arial 11-point, or Calibri 11-point), double spacing, and consistent formatting throughout the manuscript. All submissions must be de-identified (i.e., masked for review).

Deadline: Monday, October 19, 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 an 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	☐ Not applicable, I am the sole author of the submission. 0. Applicant 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Publication statement	This submission... ☐ has not been submitted for publication ☐ has been submitted for publication and is under review ☐ 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.

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