

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

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

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

**Submission Guidelines:** Submissions may be any unpublished scholarly work that focuses on sexuality or sexual health, including the understanding, assessment, treatment, or prevention of sexual concerns.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

Submissions should be in the form of a double-spaced manuscript, including references to the relevant literature. There is a 25-page limit for the text, not including references, tables, or figures. A one-page abstract of the manuscript should also be included. Submissions will only be accepted by email. All submissions must be de-identified and accompanied by a separate cover sheet, which includes the following required information:

- Name, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number of applicant
- The program in which the applicant is enrolled
- Manuscript title
- A statement regarding whether the manuscript is currently under review for publication. Papers may be under review but should be unpublished at the time of submission.
- In the case of joint authorship, a statement, signed by all co-authors, indicating that the student is the primary author.
- Please note that the applicant's name should appear only on this cover sheet.

**Selection Criteria:** Submissions 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.

**Award:** The award winner will be notified and asked to give a twenty-minute oral presentation of the submitted manuscript at the next SSTAR Annual Meeting. **Travel expenses, conference registration, and two nights' hotel accommodation will be paid for the meeting. In addition, the winner will receive a free, one-year, student membership in SSTAR, upon approval. At the time of the presentation, a plaque and cash award of \$100** will be presented to the award winner. The winner is asked to acknowledge the Leiblum Award in any future publication of the paper.

Individuals who submit a paper for the Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award but are not selected will be given a free, one-year, student membership in SSTAR; contingent upon their application being approved. Their abstracts will automatically be considered for presentation in poster or paper format at the next SSTAR Annual Meeting, unless otherwise specified at the time of submission.

If you have questions about the SSTAR Sandra R. Leiblum Student Research Award, please contact the SSTAR office at [info@sstarnet.org](mailto:info@sstarnet.org).