

2022 SSR RESEARCH AWARD CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

SSR RESEARCH AWARD (*supported by SSR*). This award recognizes an active, regular member of the Society for outstanding **research published over the previous six years**. The letter of nomination should be accompanied by two supporting letters from other individuals. See Procedure, above, for guidelines regarding length of the nomination and supporting letters. Nomination and supporting letters must emphasize exclusively the work completed in the previous six years. Letters of nomination should specifically address each of the criteria for this award, as described below. In making its recommendation, the Awards Committee will consider the significance of the problems under investigation, the breadth and depth of the analyses performed, and the level of originality manifested in the publications of this work. The recipient of this award will have the honor of presenting their research during the annual meeting of the SSR in 2022 and of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in 2022.

Criteria for the SSR Research award are as follows:

- I. Research
 - A. Originality
 1. Pioneered in the development of novel and significant areas of knowledge including the development of innovative hypotheses during research.
 2. Developed new knowledge in a creative manner and with independent insight.
 3. Created new knowledge which served as a foundation for expanding our understanding of reproductive biology and/or for the application of knowledge to technology.
 - B. Experimental Practices
 1. Developed new and superior experimental methodologies.
 2. Formulated experimental designs that permitted the derivation of unambiguous conclusions and concepts.
 3. Communicated research results to the scientific community with clarity through timely presentation at scientific meetings and by publication in high-quality journals.
 - C. Leadership
 1. The nominee provided essential contributions in team research endeavors.
 2. The nominee is recognized as an innovator and scholar by her/his peers as evidenced by other scientific awards, and invitations to participate in scholarly activities such as symposia.
 3. The nominee shared her/his research experience willingly and unselfishly with the scientific community through activities such as providing expert advice, sharing new techniques, or providing unique reagents.
- II. Other Activities: This award is given for research excellence. However, the requirement that the nominee be an “active, regular member of the Society” implies participation in the activities of the Society for the Study of Reproduction. Please see [SSR’s Service List](#)

PROCEDURE: Members of the Society have the privilege and responsibility of nominating individuals for these awards. The process is straightforward. If more than one person is nominating, one person should be designated as the primary Nominator for future communications and be responsible for sending the following:

1. A letter of nomination, no more than 4 pages in length.
2. No more than two supporting letters from other individuals, each no longer than 2 pages in length. The Trainee Mentoring award may have up to four supporting letters, each no longer than 2 pages in length.
3. Curriculum Vitae (CV). The CV may be streamlined/ shortened to focus on the criteria for the award under consideration, and should include:
 - professional positions held

- overview of research focus and seminal accomplishments
- honors/awards
- special appointments (e.g. administrative positions, editorships)
- invited lectures/workshops/symposia
- extramural funding/grant support
- peer-reviewed publications and reviews that exemplify the criteria of the award (indicate the total number of publications at the beginning of this section)

Current Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to be nominated. View current Awards Committee Members [HERE](#). See descriptions of individual awards for any other specific requirements.

Nominations Deadline is August 15th, 2021. Send nominating materials to: Dr. Melissa Pepling, Chair, SSR Awards Committee, e-mail: awards@ssr.org by August 15th, 2021.

Please send all nomination materials in a single, consolidated PDF file in the order specified above with the file name format AWARDEE NAME_2022_AWARD NAME, if possible. The preferred method is e-mail to facilitate prompt review by the entire Awards Committee, but please contact Dr. Pepling by email if you must send any nomination documents via a different means.

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