

2022 SSR TRAINEE MENTORING AWARD CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

SSR TRAINEE MENTORING AWARD (*supported by the SSR Trainee Mentoring Fund*). This award recognizes an SSR member who as a mentor has had significant impact on Trainees within the SSR. The Trainee Mentoring Award will be presented each year at the SSR Annual Meeting to an SSR member who has consistently demonstrated a measure of support and guidance to Trainees that far exceeds the basic responsibilities required of an academic advisor. An individual may receive this award only once. Candidates must be nominated by Regular and/or Trainee members of SSR who were significantly influenced by the nominee. Nominations must include a one-page objective summary highlighting the candidate's contributions to trainees in SSR and no more than four additional letters of support demonstrating how this candidate is an outstanding mentor. See Procedure, above, for guidelines regarding length of the nomination and supporting letters. Letters of nomination should specifically address each of the criteria for this award, as described below. The award will be presented at the SSR Annual Meeting by a member of the Trainee Affairs Committee.

Criteria for the Trainee Mentoring award are as follows:

- I. Outstanding service as a mentor: the nominee has exceeded the basic roles of an academic advisor, becoming a mentor to those with whom they interact.
- II. Knowledge of the discipline: the nominee has demonstrated a comprehensive knowledge and passion for reproductive biology and its implications in the broader world of scientific research, which significantly shapes intellectual interactions with trainees.
- III. Scope of mentorship: the mentoring may be concentrated in the classroom, laboratory, or in the field. The number of Trainees who have been mentored by the nominated individual will be considered, with special attention given to mentorship of Trainees who have subsequently made an impact in reproductive biology.
- IV. Other activities: selfless service as a teacher and trusted mentor to undergraduate, graduate, and/or post-doctoral Trainees in reproductive biology; instruction inside or out of the classroom with a passion that is passed on to those mentored; evidence that the nominee has significantly enhanced the careers and potential for success in advisees.

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.

View previous Trainee Mentoring Award recipients [HERE](#)