

## 2022 VIRENDRA B. MAHESH NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

**VIRENDRA B. MAHESH NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD** (*supported by the Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Endowment Fund*). This award recognizes an active, regular member of SSR for outstanding research completed and published within 12 years after receiving the Ph.D. or other equivalent professional degree. Nominees will be evaluated on the originality, significance, and impact of their research in reproductive sciences or allied fields, and the degree to which their research was independent of that of a mentor. Letters of recommendation from two senior colleagues and/or scientific collaborators should accompany the nomination. 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 recipient of this award will have the honor of presenting their research during the annual meeting of the SSR in 2022.

Criteria for the SSR New Investigator award are as follows:

- I. Originality, independence, and innovation.
- II. Contribution and significance to the field of reproductive sciences and allied fields of investigation.
- III. Development of important new methodology, technology, and/or clinical procedures with clear applications in basic research, animal or human clinical practice, or assisted reproductive technologies.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Send nominating materials to: Dr. Melissa Pepling, Chair, SSR Awards Committee, e-mail: [awards@ssr.org](mailto:awards@ssr.org) by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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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