

SSR Policy on Donations and Private Donor Recognition

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SSR gratefully receives Society and Annual Meeting Donations, Annual Travel Grants, Capital Donations, and Endowments. Outlined below are details regarding each type of donation and recognition associated with different levels of donations.

Donations

1. Society or Annual Meeting Donations under \$2,500

SSR appreciates every donation. For donations <\$2,500, SSR will thank contributors as “SSR Friends” on the SSR website and at the SSR Annual Meeting*.

2. Society or Annual Meetings Donations of ≥\$2,500.

- Unrestricted Donation – No stipulation on the use of funds, funds will be placed into the Board Directed SSR General Endowment Account.
- Donor Specified Donation – Funds can support specific SSR initiatives or be placed into an established SSR Endowment Account**.

Recognition Levels for Annual Meeting or Society Donations

- Diamond Partner \$20,000
- Emerald Partner \$10,000
- Sapphire Partner \$5,000
- Ruby Partner \$2,500

Annual Meeting Options

A. Plenary Session

Diamond (full) and Emerald (in part) donors can have an event designated with language, such as, “Plenary Session Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)” for 1 year.

B. Trainee Platform Competition

Diamond (full) and Emerald (in part) donors can have this event designated with language, such as, “Trainee Platform Competition Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)” for 1 year. Competition Award Presentations will also recognize the sponsor for that same 1 year.

C. Luncheons, Breakfasts, Coffee Breaks, Trainee Mixer, New Investigator Reception, etc.

Diamond (3x full), Emerald (full) and Sapphire (in part) donors can have event(s) designated with language, such as, “Luncheon Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)” for 1 year.

D. Focus Session

Sapphire (full) and Ruby (in part) donors can have event designated with language, such as, “Testis Focus Session Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)” for 1 year.

Society Options

A. Special Issue of Biology of Reproduction and Preface

Diamond (full) and Emerald (in part) donors can sponsor a Special Issue of *Biology of Reproduction* working with Editors-in-Chief, designated with language, such as, “Special Issue Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)”. Where applicable, Diamond donors may write a preface for the issue.

B. Podcast, Webinar, or like

Diamond/Emerald (Series), Sapphire (single event), Ruby (in part) donors can support a series or single Podcast or Webinar designated with language, such as, “Rising Star Webinar Sponsored by Name” for a series for 1 year, or as a single event. Donors will work with the Virtual Education or Public Affairs Committees.

C. New Investigator Research Grants

Diamond (2x full), Emerald (full) and Sapphire (in part) donors can support New Investigator grants, designated with language, such as, “New Investigator Grant Sponsored (by Name) or (in part by Name)” for 1 year.

Announcement of Society and Annual Meeting Donations

Donor names and anonymous gifts will be announced by recognition levels on the SSR website and at the SSR Annual Meeting*. Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Partners will be invited to attend the Past-President’s Reception at an upcoming Annual SSR Meeting (Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond donors will receive 1, 2 and 4 tickets respectively). Note: A single donation can be made to either an Annual Meeting or a Society Option and applies to only one event (full or in part), unless otherwise noted (i.e. 2x, 3x full).

3. Annual Meeting Travel Awards/Grants

A. Merit-based Travel Awards

- Unrestricted Donation – Funds will be awarded annually as SSR Trainee Travel Awards.
- Donor Specified Donation – Funds will be awarded as directed by the donor.

B. Need-based Travel Grants

- Unrestricted Donation – Funds will be awarded annually as SSR Trainee Travel Grants, based on need and participation in the Society.

Recognition Level for Annual Travel Award and Grant Donations

- Diamond Supporter € \$20,000
- Emerald Supporter € \$10,000
- Sapphire Supporter € \$5,000
- Ruby Supporter € \$2,500

Announcement of Annual Travel Donors and Awardees

Donors, anonymous gifts and Awardees will be recognized at the Annual Meeting. Travel Awards and Grants will incorporate the Donor’s name (i.e., Lalor, USDA, or an individual donor’s name) or can be anonymous. Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Supporters will be invited to attend the Past-President’s Reception at the Annual SSR Meeting (Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond donors will receive 1, 2 and 4 tickets respectively). Travel Awards will be given to the top-ranking abstracts as scored by the Program Committee, specific travel funds will be awarded as designated by the donor, and Travel Grants will be given based on need and service to SSR and are decided by the Society. Awardees and Grantees will be announced on the SSR Website and at the SSR Annual Meeting*.

4. Capital Donations

- Single, One-time Donations
- Sustaining, Yearly Donations

Capital Donations can support the SSR Annual Meeting or any other SSR related event or initiative (travel grants, research grants, education, journal, etc.) as designated by the donor. An MOU specifying the total level of donation and purpose for the funds will be drafted. Funds will be placed into the SSR General Endowment fund and spent over the designated window or placed into any established SSR Endowment Account and follow the rules of that Endowment**.

Recognition Level for Capital Donations

- Diamond Benefactor & \$100,000; window of recognition 10 years
- Emerald Benefactor & \$50,000; window of recognition 7.5 years
- Sapphire Benefactor & \$25,000; window of recognitions 5 years

Announcement for Capital Donations

Donors and anonymous gifts will be recognized on the SSR Website and at the SSR Annual Meeting* with the donation amount and range in years active. Sapphire, Emerald, and Diamond Investors will receive free registration to the annual meeting as well as 6 invitations to attend the Past-President's Reception throughout their Recognition Window.

5. Endowments

- Single, One-time Donations
- Sustaining Donations

Single or Sustaining Donations of >\$200,000 in total with a minimum initial investment of \$100,000. These donations will be used in perpetuity to support the Annual Meeting or any other SSR related event or initiative (travel grants, research grants, education, journal, etc.) as designated by the Donor in collaboration with the Society. An MOU specifying the level of donation (time and amount) and purpose (unrestricted; specified) for the funds will be drafted.

Announcement for Endowments

Endowment Donors will be recognized by year of donation on the SSR Website and at SSR Annual Meeting*. Donors will have the option to have a named event (ex. Focus Session, or Lecture) designated with language, such as, "Ovarian Focus Session Sponsored (by Name)". Donors will receive free registration and invitations to attend the Past-President's Reception at all upcoming Annual SSR meetings.

General Notes

*** Donations**

- Recognition at the Annual Meeting may consist of poster board, slide, Annual Program announcements, and online recognition (i.e., SSR website, other).
- Names will be listed alphabetically to give equal representation and separated by donor level.
- Monetary donation levels will be evaluated every 5 years to account for changes in inflation.

**** Established SSR Endowments [Board Directed (BD) and Temporarily Restricted (TR)]**

- **General Endowment (BD)** – Annual Meeting and All SSR Related Activities
- **Individual Annual Meeting Associated Funds**

- Virendra B. Mahesh Neuroendocrine (TR/BD) – Annual Meeting Neuroendocrinology Speaker/Session.
 - William Hansel Ovarian Research (TR) – Annual Meeting Session on Ovarian topics.
 - John J. Eppig (BD) – Annual Meeting Session/Speaker on Oogenesis (No formal MOU)
 - Fuller W. Bazer International Scientist Fund (TR) – Supports Travel Award to SSR Annual Meeting to an International Scientist.
 - Janice Bahr Junior Scientist Travel Fund (TR) – Supports travel to Annual Meeting for Assistant Professor or equivalent.
 - Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Award (TR) – Supports SSR New Investigator Award.
 - Bruce D. Murphy Fund for Trainees (TR) – Support Trainee Board Representative Members Travel to SSR Events.
 - Ryuzo Yanagimachi Fund (TR) - Annual Meeting Session on Reproductive Technologies.
- **Journal and Knowledge Distribution Funds**
 - Anita Payne (TR) – Frontiers in Reproduction scholarship for an SSR Trainee and/or speaker at SSR Meeting.
 - Virendra B. Mahesh Legacy (TR) – Biology of Reproduction Journal Support