

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Relationship Researchers Interest Group (RRIG) within the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) presents an annual award to a graduate student who has published an empirical manuscript that makes original and important contributions to relationship science. The recipient of this award will be honored and presented with the award at the 2025 SPSP Close Relationships Preconference.

Eligibility: The primary selection criterion is that the publication must be an outstanding **student led and driven** empirical contribution in the general area of close relationships. The following specific criteria are considered when evaluating papers: background and significance/need, theoretical contribution, practical contribution, and attention to statistical, methodological, and DEI best practices (e.g., considerations of power and replicability, transparency in analyses and decision making, strength of evidence presented, DEI considerations in recruitment and sample demographics, discussing implications for generalizability). The graduate student must have been first author on the publication, it must have been published within the past year (that is, official acceptance for publication or in print between September 1, 2023, and September 1, 2024), and the nominee must have been a **graduate student at the time of paper acceptance**. A paper may be submitted for consideration only once. Previous winners are not eligible to apply for this award.

Submission materials: To be considered for this award, please send the following: (1) The empirical manuscript; (2) A completed attached [author form](#) (detailing the manuscript's contribution to the close relationship's literature, and your contribution to the manuscript); and (3) If the work is co-authored, a completed attached [referee form](#) from a co-author on the work (ideally a postdoctoral fellow or faculty member). They can send the form separately. [Note: for a sole-authored publication a mentor can complete the form].

Please create **one PDF file** with all of your materials (referee form can be sent separately), and email the file to Brian Ogolsky, chair of the 2025 RRIG Graduate Student Research Award Committee, at rrigspsp@gmail.com. Please include **RRIG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD NOMINATION** in the email subject line. The deadline for nominations is **September 6, 2024**. The committee members this year are: Brian Ogolsky, Kori Krueger, and Rosie Shrout. The award recipient will be notified in late October/early November.