The Michigan State University Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health is comprised of faculty and graduate students from the Colleges of Social Science, Education, Communication Arts and Sciences, Lyman Briggs, Human Medicine, and Arts and Letters. Our members study sexual and gender minority physical and mental health with a focus on minority stress, the life course perspective, and intersectionality, using social ecological approaches. The MSU Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health is dedicated to supporting the overall wellbeing and health of LGBTQIA+ individuals across the lifespan. Grounded in the social sciences, we promote interdisciplinary SGM health research and collaborations that are vital to SGM communities. We provide mentorship and training to faculty and graduate students across and beyond MSU, engage with community stakeholders, and develop evidence-based strategies for promoting systemic change, social justice, and SGM health and wellness locally, nationally, and internationally. The Consortium serves as a coordinating resource for social science research in SGM health and aims to establish the College of Social Science at MSU as a national leader in SGM health research.

The 2023 Research Award will provide $1,500 awards to one current faculty member and one current MSU graduate student in any program, department, or school, to recognize scholarship on SGM health that reflects and/or advances the mission and aims of the Consortium. Submissions will be evaluated on their rigor and innovation and potential impact on SGM health.

To be considered for this award, please send an email with a PDF attachment of your first- or single-author publication, conference paper, or completed thesis/dissertation along with a cover letter explaining how this work contributes to the field and your role in the study (for collaborative projects) to Carla A. Pfeffer (cpfeffer@msu.edu), Director of the Consortium for SGM Health, no later than March 15, 2023. Any work completed or published in the past year is eligible for submission. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. No letter of nomination is required for the submission to be considered. Submissions will be evaluated by members of the Consortium for SGM Health faculty. The winner will be announced in early April and will be expected to provide a photo/headshot and write a brief statement about their work, which may be featured in listserv, newsletter, and website spotlights. Note to students: this award may impact your financial aid, please check before submitting a proposal.