Smiles for Life Research/Quality Improvement Award

Smiles for Life Curriculum was created in 2005 to address a lack of oral health curricula available for primary care and other non-dental health providers. Over the past decade, Smiles for Life (SFL) has become one of the most robust oral health educational programs in the United States. Smiles for Life has had over 500,000 discrete on-line users, and numerous medical, nursing, physician assistant and other health schools use the modules within their institutions.

The Smiles for Life Steering Committee would like to encourage the report of research or quality improvement projects that involve SFL materials through an annual SFL Research Award. The prize will be $2000 to be used toward travel and accommodations to present said research results at an educational conference.

The SFL Research award has the following eligibility criteria:

1) Representatives from any learning institution (including students) who have published or had their study accepted for publication or presentation at a conference using some aspect of SFL as the basis of the education. This may include graduate or post-graduate institutions of any health profession and any professional format (poster, platform, publication) in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.
2) Report should include sound outcome measures, reasonable numbers of learner participants, and the results submitted for presentation within a reasonable amount of time from the actual study.

Application should be completed in scientific abstract format with the following components in 500 words or less:
   a. Background/Problem
   b. Methods
   c. Results/Outcomes
   d. Conclusion/Implications

Please also list author information and the forum where the data has been published, submitted or accepted for presentation and the format (poster, oral presentation or publication).

One award will be given to support applicant travel and accommodations to present research findings in a scholarly forum.

Judges will include members of the SFL Steering Committee and SFL Consultants.

Applications are due by December 15, 2024. Awardees will be notified by January 15, 2025.

Completed applications should be emailed to Jenny Pearson at sflresearchaward@gmail.com .

Smiles for Life Research Award Application Template

Name and Title:

Organization:

Contact Information (address and telephone):

Email Address:

Title of Study:

Authors, co-authors, affiliations, positions, degrees:

Abstract (500 word maximum):

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Forum where the data has been published, submitted or accepted for presentation:

Format of presentation (poster, oral presentation or publication):

Date of presentation or publication: