# Episteme Award

## NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2026-1 March 2027

## NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2027.

## PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's Biennial Convention.

## PURPOSE

The Baxter International Foundation's Episteme Award is presented to a nurse scientist* or team of nurse scientists for highly significant research, acknowledging a major breakthrough in nursing knowledge development that impacts the underserved in at least one of the following areas: relating to nutrition/malnutrition, clean water and sanitation, or diabetes prevention.

The Baxter International Foundation generously provides a minimum US $15,000 stipend to the award recipient. The Episteme Laureate will be a plenary speaker at Sigma's biennial convention.

**must be a registered nurse*

## ELIGIBILITY

Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible. Nominees can receive only one award per biennium. Nominees can accept only one nomination per biennium. Recipients from 2023 and 2025 are not eligible to receive the same award in 2027.

## CRITERIA

Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

1. Has achieved a major breakthrough in nursing knowledge development through a seminal contribution or a global health research program focused on the underserved in at least one of the following areas: nutrition/malnutrition, clean water and sanitation, or diabetes prevention
2. Has a significant and recognizable benefit on a national or international level

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form
- Supporting narrative, from the nominator (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (excluding the nominator)
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Letter of acceptance, a statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma's biennial convention if selected as the award recipient
- Supporting documentation, materials or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria (not to exceed 10 pages). This includes videos, writing samples, articles, photos, etc. This is an opportunity to expand on the summary provided by the supporting narrative. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information, contact awards@sigmanursing.org.