Excellence in Research Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Founders 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 Founders Awards honor the six founding nurses of Sigma and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their 1922 insights that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice.

This award recognizes extraordinary excellence in research and its dissemination. Research should include a completed systematic process of studious investigation that increases the knowledge or understanding of a topic or issue and/or completed work, product, and/or outcome indicative of the generation, synthesis, translation, application, and dissemination of knowledge that aims to improve and/or transform health. Dissemination is considered a systematic effort or project directed toward making research available to nurses or the public for use in clinical nursing practice, education, administration, research, and/or public knowledge. **Sigma membership is required.**

ELIGIBILITY

All active Sigma members worldwide are eligible to be nominated for this award. 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

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

1. Conducts distinguished research in nursing with the purpose of imparting new nursing research knowledge to nurses and/or the public
2. Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research, containing scientific merit and synthesis of existing research as an essential component
3. Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities
4. Communicates nursing research findings
    - Made available at a reasonable cost
    - Presented in a form that is helpful and useful
    - Packaged in a convenient manner that attracts attention

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 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

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