Research Dissertation 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 Research Dissertation Award recognizes a nurse whose dissertation is exceptionally meritorious and exemplifies high standards of scholarship and knowledge development.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee is required to have completed (defended) a dissertation (or country equivalent) between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2026. Theses or research projects for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree are not eligible.

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 a study problem that is significant for the discipline of nursing
2. Proceeds from a clearly defined conceptual or theoretical base
3. Has methods that are valid and consistent with the research design (e.g., sample data collection, data analysis, etc.)
4. Contains findings that contribute to the body of nursing knowledge
5. Sets the stage and direction for a research career

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
- A double-spaced summary of the dissertation without author identification (maximum of 15 pages total, including in-text citations; a copy of the complete dissertation will NOT be accepted)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (excluding nominator)
- 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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