



# Research Dissertation Award

## PURPOSE

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

## ELIGIBILITY

The nominee is required to have completed (defended) a dissertation between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018.

Thesis 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.

## 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 and payment
- A double-spaced summary of the dissertation without author identification (maximum of 15 pages – including in-text citations, a copy of the complete dissertation will NOT be accepted)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (at least one from a dissertation committee member – preferably the chair)
- Letter of Acceptance – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma’s Biennial Convention if selected
- Scanned copy of the signed signature page from the dissertation

### NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2018 – 1 March 2019

### ENTRY FEE:

US \$50

The fee structure for nominations outside the US is set according to World Bank classifications based on per-capita income designated as low, middle, and high.

### NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2019.

### PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma’s [45th Biennial Convention](#) in Washington, DC, USA.

### PAST RECIPIENTS

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### CONTACT

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