Episteme Award

PURPOSE
The Baxter International Foundation’s Episteme Award is presented to a person or team for highly significant research, acknowledging a major breakthrough in nursing knowledge development that has resulted in a significant and recognizable benefit to the public. The Baxter International Foundation generously provides a US $15,000 stipend to the award recipient. The Episteme Laureate will be a keynote speaker at Sigma’s biennial convention.

ELIGIBILITY
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 accomplished a major breakthrough in nursing knowledge development through a seminal contribution or program of research
2. Has a significant and recognizable benefit to the public

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
- Supporting narrative, from the nominator (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc. – excluding nominator)
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae
- Letter of Acceptance – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma’s Biennial Convention if selected
- Supporting documentation as evidence of nominee’s contribution as outlined in the criteria above (not to exceed 10 pages)