



# Practice Academe Innovative Collaboration Award

## 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

[View a brief biography of past recipients online.](#)

## CONTACT

For further information, visit [International Awards](#) or contact [Kathy Bennison](#).

## PURPOSE

The Practice Academe Innovative Collaboration Award recognizes an institution or group of institutions that optimize the way nursing practice and academe work together to accomplish Sigma's vision of creating a global community of nurses who lead in using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world's people. Collaborations should advance the profession and the discipline of nursing within their respective community/communities, resulting in improved patient care outcomes.

The award recipient will be invited to present and discuss their collaboration during a special session at convention.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any institution or group of institutions is eligible.

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. Describes multidisciplinary approach including clinical practice, academe, and research
2. Cites at least three resources used in developing/formulating the collaboration
3. Describes initial obstacles/challenges to the collaboration and how these were overcome
4. Describes tipping points that moved the collaboration in a negative or positive direction and how these were resolved
5. Explains how resources were allocated (e.g., shared appointments, support for leadership and staff development, support for continuing education, etc.)
6. Provides evidence of evaluation of meeting partnership goals and proof of sustainability
7. Describes how evidence-based nursing and research were incorporated
8. Demonstrates measurable positive patient outcomes

## 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 (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc. – excluding nominator)
- Letter of Acceptance – Statement from a representative 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)