INTERNATIONAL NURSE RESEARCHER HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE

The International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame recognizes nurse researchers who achieve significant and sustained national and/or international recognition for their work and whose research actively influences the profession and the people it serves.

Sigma membership is required.

ELIGIBILITY

All **active Sigma members** worldwide are eligible for this award.

Members may not self-nominate. Current Sigma Board of Directors, Sigma elected international committee members, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible to receive this award, serve as nominators, or write letters of support. Members of appointed committees may participate in the award process.

CRITERIA

Nomination should show evidence of meeting the following criteria:

1. Researcher's program of research has a measurable, sustained, and current impact that includes more than one of the following: changes in widespread clinical practice; changes in national and/or international policy; changes in nursing science through the development of new methods; bringing existing methods from other fields into nursing science. Other kinds of substantive and widespread impact will be considered.
2. Researcher has a distinguished and recent (within the last five years) record of publications in nursing and non-nursing peer-reviewed journals: first-authored; co-authored; presentations.
3. Researcher has received external funding, university funding, or unique organizational support, with justified unique context of funding.
4. Researcher mentors novice researchers with demonstrated scholarly outputs. Evidence includes but is not limited to number of past and current mentees (master's, PhD, novice, and clinical researchers).

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address all the above criteria. All materials must be submitted in English. Entries that do not meet all the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Supporting narrative from the nominator: Using the criteria as subheadings, clearly stating overall area of expertise and sustained impact (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, colleague, supervisor, co-worker, etc.—excluding nominator)
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- A listing of at least 10 recent (within the last five years) publications that showcase the criteria, including nursing and non-nursing peer-reviewed publications
- Letter of acceptance: Statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma's International Nursing Research Congress if selected as an honoree
- Supporting documentation as further evidence of nominee's contribution as outlined in the criteria above (**not to exceed 10 pages**)

General

What is the awards website?
https://www.sigmanursing.org/advance-elevate/awards/nurse-researcher-awards
Nominations are submitted through an online system:
https://stti-awards.confex.com/stti_awards/nr2025/cfp.cgi

When is the awards deadline?
11 December 2024, 11:59 p.m. EDT

How much does it cost to submit a nomination?
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.

How much does it cost for members outside of the US?
The fee structure for members outside the US is set according to World Bank classifications based on per capita income designated as low, middle, and high as defined by World Bank Basic Indicators table. All fees paid to Sigma, either by individual members or chapters, will be calculated in US currency.
High Income* = US $50
Middle Income* = US $20
Low Income* = US $10
https://www.sigmanursing.org/why-sigma/sigma-membership/explanation-of-membership-dues/world-bank-country-classifications

Is membership required to be a nominee?
Active Sigma membership is required.

Award Criteria

Where are the award criteria sheets?
Both award criteria sheets can be found on the Sigma International Nurse Researcher Awards page:
https://www.sigmanursing.org/advance-elevate/awards/nurse-researcher-awards

Does the nomination need to fulfill all of the criteria points?
Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the criteria.

I am a board member of my chapter. Can I still submit a nomination?
Only current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are ineligible to submit a nomination or be nominated.

Submitting a Nomination

How do I submit a nomination for the 2024 International Nurse Researcher Awards?
Nominations are submitted through an online system:
https://stti-awards.confex.com/stti_awards/nr2025/cfp.cgi

Is there a hard copy entry form?
No. All entries must be submitted through the online system. Entries mailed to Sigma will not be reviewed.

How do I start an online entry?
You can start an award nomination by clicking the "Submit a nomination today" button on the International Nurse Researcher Awards page. You will then select the award category and click "Submit an entry."

I started a submission but had to stop. Can I return to the same entry?
Yes. Using your Entry ID (4-digit number) and Entry Password (6-digit number), you can log-in to a nomination until the system closes on 11 December 2024 (11:59 p.m. EST).

What is my Entry ID and Entry Password?
The Entry ID and Entry Password are emailed to the email address entered by the nominator when an entry is started. You can also view them in the top-left corner of the nomination page. Please contact awards@sigmanursing.org if you have lost your Entry ID and Entry Password.

Can I view, edit, or withdraw my nomination once it is submitted?
Yes. You can view, edit, or withdraw your submission until the 11 December 2024 deadline.

I've withdrawn my entry but already paid. Can I get a refund?
No. The entry fee is non-refundable.

Are there font requirements for nomination materials?
Please submit all materials in Calibri 11, Times New Roman 12, or a similar font and size. Margins should be a minimum of .5 inches. Individual nomination materials will note special formatting requirements.

What is the "supporting narrative"?
The supporting narrative is a 1- to 2-page summary, written by the nominator, describing how the nominee meets the award criteria. This is the nominator's opportunity to write a letter of support.

Can I submit more than two "letters of support"?
No. The judges will only read two letters.

What is the "letter of acceptance"?
This is a statement from the nominee that they will attend Sigma's International Nursing Research Congress if selected as an award recipient.

What is the "supporting documentation"?
Any documentation or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria are "supporting documentation." 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.

What formats can be uploaded through the online system?
TXT - Plain Text
HTML - Hyper Text Markup Language, web pages
PDF - Adobe's Portable Document Format
GIF, JPG, PNG - Formats commonly used on the web
RTF - Rich text file (most word processors export this format)
DOC - Microsoft Word
WMV, WMA, MOV, WAV, AIFF - Multimedia formats

No. All entries must submit payment through the online awards system using a credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover).

Self-narrative from the nominee: Self narrative (used for Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar Award submissions only)

Narrative from the nominator/supporting nominator: Summary (criteria)

Two letters of support: Letter of support

Nominee's curriculum vitae: Curriculum vitae

A listing of publications: Publication

Letter of acceptance: Letter of acceptance

Supporting documentation: Other, Digital Photo, Article, Screenshot, or other descriptive label

Points of Contact

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Email: stti_awards@confex.com

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ENTRY NAME:

RATING SCALE

5 = Outstanding achievement of criteria

4 = Notable achievement of criteria

3 = Adequate achievement of criteria

2 = Fair achievement of criteria

1 = Limited achievement of criteria

NA = Criteria not achieved at this time

CRITERIA

Researcher's program of research has a measurable, sustained, and current impact that includes more than one of the following: changes in widespread clinical practice; changes in national and/or international policy; changes in nursing science through the development of new methods; bringing existing methods from other fields into nursing science. Other kinds of substantive and widespread impact will be considered.

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Researcher has a distinguished and recent (within the last five years) record of publications in nursing and non-nursing peer-reviewed journals: first-authored; co-authored; presentations.

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Researcher has received external funding, university funding, or unique organizational support, with justified unique context of funding.

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Points awarded   =

Total points available   =   100