



EMERGING NURSE RESEARCHER/SCHOLAR AWARD

PURPOSE

The Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar Award recognizes an early career nurse researcher/scholar **from each of Sigma's seven global regions** whose research/scholarship has influenced the nursing profession and the people it serves.

Sigma membership is required.

For the purpose of this award, the following definitions apply:

- **Research:** Completed systematic process of studious investigation that increases the knowledge or understanding on a topic or issue
- **Scholarship:** Completed work, product, and/or outcome indicative of the generation, synthesis, translation, application, and dissemination of knowledge that aims to improve and/or transform health

ELIGIBILITY

All **active Sigma members** worldwide, who completed and earned a **master's or doctoral degree** after **1 December 2015**, are eligible for this award.

Members may self-nominate but are required to submit an additional narrative from a supporting nominator. 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 a majority of the following criteria:

1. Research/scholarly output has had an impact in an area, country, or global region on the profession of nursing, healthcare, patients, families, community, and/or policy.
2. Nominee has a record of disseminating research results/related scholarly output in professional nursing and/or non-nursing publications and oral and/or poster presentations.
3. Nominee has received organizational support, such as funding and/or access to related material or people resources to support related projects.
4. Nominee is recognized as an early career investigator/scholar and/or emerging leader whose work is influencing policy, clinical practice, education, leadership, research, and/or utilization of evidence.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and submission requirements will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form and payment
- Self-narrative from the nominee clearly describing area of emerging interest and scope using the four criteria listed above as subheadings (one to two pages)
- Narrative from the supporting nominator, clearly describing area of emerging interest and scope using the four criteria listed above as subheadings (one to two pages)
- Two letters of support using the above criteria from a collaborator, interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc. (excluding the supporting nominator)
Sigma may contact sources for letters of support and nomination.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- A listing of three to five publications/evidence of dissemination and/or successfully implemented projects that showcases the above criteria
- Letter of acceptance – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma's International Nursing Research Congress, if selected
- Supporting documentation as further evidence of nominee's contribution as outlined in the four criteria above (not to exceed 10 pages)

NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 July–11 December 2020

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 February 2021.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's 32nd International Nursing Research Congress in July 2021.

PAST RECIPIENTS

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

CONTACT

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