

# Choosing the winners of the ... **OUTSTANDING AUTHOR CONTRIBUTION AWARDS**



Since 2010, the *Outstanding Author Contribution Awards* have been rewarding authors who have contributed something new or of significant value to the body of knowledge, either in terms of approach or subject matter.

## Aims



Publicly recognize and celebrate an author's contribution to an outstanding chapter



Demonstrate that Emerald publishes top quality research, written by top quality authors



Build on the relationships between the author, the series editor and commissioning editor



Raise the profile of the book series

## Understanding the Judging Process



One chapter per volume can be chosen



The chapter is to be nominated by the Series Editor and Volume Editor(s) with input from Editorial Board

## Award Winning Criteria

Chapters should provide or demonstrate:

- **Contribution of something new to the body of knowledge either in terms of approach or subject matter**
- **Excellent structure and presentation and well-written text**
- **Rigour in terms of argument or analysis**
- **Relevance – to practice and further research, in most cases**
- **Up-to-date – demonstrating that the latest/key works in the field have been cited**
- **A work which is clearly within the editorial scope and remit of the book series.**

Over and above these factors, different types of chapters may require alternative approaches. A top quality literature review, an innovative conceptual exploration and a really well-constructed case study will do different things, and can all demonstrate excellence in their own manner.

## The Deciding Factor



An outstanding contribution should have the 'x-factor'. It should have something that makes it stand out from the rest and which an editor can recognize and define as a chapter of notable outstanding quality.

**Good luck!**

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