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

Raise the profile of the book series

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

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
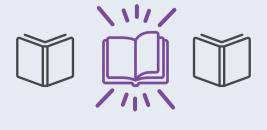
Award winning Criteria

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

Ultimately, an outstanding paper should have the 'x-factor' – something that makes it stand out from the rest and which the editor and EAB can recognize and define for the rest of us.

Good Luck!