



The EAIR Award for Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Research, Policy and Practice (OCHE)

The OCHE, bestowed sparingly, is a method of recognising the contribution to Higher Education (HE) of individuals who have had an impact nationally and internationally, through *research* that has informed policy and practice in higher education.

Criteria

Nominees for the **OCHE Award** need not be members of EAIR but should meet the following criteria:

The scholarly work of the nominee

1. includes research that is broadly recognized as being of high quality in its conceptual and theoretical framework.
2. is of clear importance to policy-making in higher education.
3. represents a significant contribution to the practice of higher education.

Application of Criteria

The criteria outlined above are minimal requirements for consideration of potential Award winners. A nominee meeting them is not *assured* selection, because the OCHE has qualitative dimensions. Therefore, the Supporting Recommendation Forms must outline the key areas in which the nominee has strongly contributed to higher education research, policy and practice.

Procedures for Selection

1. The selection process starts at each Forum where the attention of the members is drawn to the Award, and they are invited to submit nominations. It closes the following year in February prior to the EC Spring meeting.
2. The primary nominator (Proposer) should complete a Supporting Recommendation Form (SRF) together with a complete CV for the nominee and submit it to the EAIR Secretariat. S/he should also request two other EAIR members (Seconders) to complete SRFs and return them directly to the EAIR office.
3. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the EC is required for approval of an OCHE Award.
4. At the Forum, the Award will be presented by the President who will deliver the laudatory speech.