

CHED Memorandum Order

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SUBJECT : **REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR
CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS**

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Pursuant to Section 8 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722, mandating the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to promote and enhance the research function in and on higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines, CHED hereby issues the attached Revised Implementing Guidelines for CHED REPUBLICA Awards as approved by the CEB during its 293rd meeting on 12 February 2007 for immediate dissemination.

Pasig City, Philippines February 21, 2007

CARLITO S. PUNO (Sgd.)
Chairman

Revised Implementing Guidelines
CHED REPUBLICA Awards, 2007
(Outstanding Research and Publication Awards)

The CHED REPUBLICA Awards are offered annually to recognize and reward outstanding research outputs that contribute to the discovery, adaptation of new knowledge and innovative technology that lead to sustainable development or generation of concepts which propel significant advances in the CHED identified priority disciplines.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide impetus for enhancing research productivity in public and private HEIs.
2. To promote greater appreciation of the importance of research in higher education and in national development.
3. To recognize excellence in research.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Twenty awards are given in the following categories.

Category	Prize
Zonal REPUBLICA Awards (18)	
9 Awards for Natural Science, Math, Engineering and Information Technology	- trophy; cash prize of P50,000.00
9 Awards for Social Sciences, Economics, Education and Humanities	- trophy; cash prize of P50,000.00

(one pair each for 9 zones covered by the CHED Zonal Research Centers)

National REPUBLICA Awards (2)

- 2 awards: 1 award for Natural Science and 1 award for Social Science
- trophy; cash prize of P150,000.00; P 150,000.00 research award for any or combination of the following: in-country lecture tour, presentation in a national conference; presentation in an international conference; conduct of research

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Research output that has been published or has been accepted for publication in a refereed journal (local or foreign) within the last Three (3) Calendar Years prior to the year of the award. Research as defined for purpose of the Award includes works of social and natural scientists using the scientific methodology and excludes works of creative writers.
- Research output with major part done in HEIs in the Philippines.
- Produced by a Filipino-researcher or a research team with a Filipino as main researcher and faculty member or research staff of the nominating HEI in the Philippines.
- Submitted by researcher who is not a member of the ZAB are not qualified.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees shall be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
I. General Criteria	70%
A. Originality of research (covering both theories/concepts and methodology) Academic Significance (or impact) – Contribution to knowledge	50%
B. Quality of Publication (s) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical quality (conceptual framework, methodology, findings, conclusions)• Clarity of presentation• Thoroughness of documentation• Quality of Journal• Citations	20%
	30%
II. Specific Criteria	
Relevance / potential impact to the region and the country <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution to community / national development• Contribution to global concerns• Contribution to policy development	
TOTAL	100%

ZONAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS BOARD COMPOSITION

The Zonal Awards Board (ZAB) shall be composed of the ZRC Director and two (2) other experts identified by the ZRC Director and approved by CHED-OPPRI.

The National Awards Board (NAB) shall be composed of the Commissioner in charge of research as Chairman and three (3) other external experts to be recommended by OPPRI and approved by the CHED Chairman.

The external experts shall be selected based on their educational qualifications, track record in research, and publication in refereed journal.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Each HEI within the zone can nominate four (4) research outputs only: two for Natural Science, Math, Engineering and Information Technology, and two for Social Science, Economics, Education and Humanities.
2. Nominations should be endorsed by the President of the HEIs to the ZRC
3. Nominations should be submitted in four (4) packets consisting of:
 - a. Completed nomination form
 - b. Narrative summary of research (not more than 6 pages including tables and figures).
 - c. Nomination letter showing how the publication meets the award criteria.
 - d. Good quality (photocopies or reprints) of nominated research publication(s).
4. The ZAB shall evaluate the nominations using the above criteria and pick-out the zonal winners to be endorsed to the NAB who will confirm the zonal winners.
5. The national winners shall be selected by the NAB from the zonal winners.

TIMETABLE

Deadline for submission of nominations to ZRCs	:	2 nd week of March
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Deadline for submission to CAB	:	2 nd week of April
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Announcement of winners	:	To be announced
Awarding ceremony	:	To be announced