



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER
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SUBJECT : REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE CHED RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION (REPUBLICA) AWARDS

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (R.A) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", for the purpose of promoting/enhancing the research function of higher education institutions and pursuant to CEB Resolution No. 19 Series of 2009, CHED hereby issues the Revised Guidelines for the **CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS**

I. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

The role of research cannot be over emphasized. Research as an academic function differentiates higher education from basic education. The academe has traditionally been one of the major sources of knowledge and innovations mainly because of the research activities of university faculty/researchers.

The **CHED REPUBLICA Awards** are offered biennially to recognize and reward outstanding research outputs leading to significant advances in priority disciplines and contributing to national development.

II. AWARDS AND INCENTIVES

A total of thirty four (34) awards are open at the regional and national levels under two major discipline cluster categories.

Disciplinal Categories	Number of Awards	Prize
Regional REPUBLICA Awards		
Category I: Natural Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Information Technology	16	trophy; cash prize of P50,000.00
Category II: Social Science, Economics, Education and Humanities	16	trophy; cash prize of P50,000.00
Sub-total	32	
National REPUBLICA Awards		
Category I: Natural Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Information Technology	1	trophy; cash prize of P150,000.00 and P150,000.00 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
Category II: Social Science, Economics, Education and Humanities	1	
Sub-total	2	

The number of national winners may be increased upon recommendation of the National Awards Board in case: 1) some of the regional award slots are not utilized, resulting in cash prize savings; and 2) there are excellent entries that deserve recognition through the award.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Eligibility Criteria

- The award is open to Filipino faculty researchers of Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), public and private
- Each HEI can nominate four (4) research outputs:
 - Two for Natural Sciences, Math, Engineering and Information Tehnology;
 - Two for Social Sciences, Economics, Education and Humanities
- The nominated entries must have been undertaken mainly in the Philippines and published or accepted for publication in a refereed journal (local or foreign) within the last three (3) calendar years prior to the year of award

B. 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%
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 	30%
TOTAL	100%

IV. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. Obtain a nomination form from the CHED Regional Office (RO) or download from [http:// www.ched.gov.ph](http://www.ched.gov.ph) (under "What's New").
2. Submit to the CHED Regional Office the accomplished nomination form in five (5) copies together with the following:
 - 2.1. nomination letter indicating how the publication(s) meet(s) the award criteria;
 - 2.2. endorsement of the President of nominating HEI;
 - 2.3. narrative summary of research (not more than 6 pages including tables and figures);
 - 2.4. good quality photocopies or reprints of nominated research publication(s)
3. Evaluation Committees are organized by the Commission at the regional and national levels with composition and Terms of Reference (TOR) as follows:

3.1. Regional Awards Board (RAB)

3.1.1. Composition

- Chair : Researcher/Scientist who has published research outputs/received award for research within the last 3 years
- Members : Two (2) researchers/scientists: one (1) expert in category 1 and one (1) expert in category 2, from Research and Development institutions/research funding agencies/professional organizations.

3.1.2. TOR

- Secure and process applications submitted to the Regional Office (RO);
- Evaluate and rank the regional entries;
- Recommend the best four regional entries (2 for each category) for further review and confirmation by the National Awards Board

3.2. National Awards Board (NAB)

3.2.1. Composition


- Chair : Researcher/Scientist who has published research outputs/received award for research within the last 3 years
- Members : Four (4) researchers/scientists: two (2) experts in category 1 and two (2) experts in category 2, from Research and Development Institutions/research funding agencies/professional organizations.

3.2.2. TOR

- Review regional entries endorsed by Regional Award Boards
 - Select/confirm regional winners
 - Select national winners from the confirmed regional winners
4. The RAB reviews nominations based on the complete documents submitted on or before the deadline set; evaluates and ranks the entries using the set of criteria provided in III-B above.
 5. The RAB may interview nominating party, nominees or other concerned individuals to validate the statements made in the nomination form.
 6. The RAB has the option not to recommend any regional candidate for a given year depending on the quality of entries.
 7. The RAB identifies and endorses to the NAB the best four (4) regional entries: 2 for category 1 and 2 for category 2 .
 8. The NAB confirms / selects the regional winners, and the national awardees from among the regional winners. The decision of the NAB is final.

This supersedes CHED Memorandum Order No. 11 series of 2007 and shall be in force until otherwise revoked.

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