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## Exceptional Contribution Award 2021

This Award will recognize the best application for any innovative development, product, service, launch, or project which will be pioneering, inventive, and of substantial value to scholarly communication. The applications can embody any part of the scholarly and professional publishing business and must validate distinction concerning novelty, magnitude, and merit to its community, applicability, and long-term viability. The applications must elaborate on distinct benefits and advances they represent in their sector.

The judges can make more than one award based on the submissions received. For a coherent judgment, each application must include detail on the background, business model, resources, development, operation of the product or service, and how you are calculating success.

Email your applications to Jean Ashley.

Sunday, 01 August 2021 shall be the closing date of application, while the shortlisted applicants should be confirmed in August. The winners will be announced at the ACSE Annual Conference (Virtual).

*ACSE may publish a list of submissions together with the statements of contribution and innovation. All other information within the applications will be treated as strictly confidential.*

## Entry Criterion

- The Asian Council of Science Editors (ACSE) reserves the right to make no award if the submitted applications are not qualitative enough.
- All submitted application will do through the evaluation procedure and the shortlisted applications/candidates will be announced by 10 August 2021
- The finalists will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation to showcase their innovative idea and contribution at the ACSE Annual Conference.
- Everyone involved in the scholarly publishing community is eligible to submit an application.
- If the publication or service is produced on behalf of another organization, the consent of the publication's owner or service provider is required.
- A cash prize of 500\$ will be awarded to the winners along with the certificate.

- Winners of the Awards will be announced at the ACSE Annual Conference on 21 August 2021.
- Post-event publicity:
  - Details including photographs of all Award winners may be published on the ACSE website
  - Press Releases announcing the winners will also be distributed to relevant media
  - Details of winners may be published in the *ACSE newsletter and blog*.

## Important Deadlines

Closing date of Applications	Announcement of Shortlisted Applications	Announcement of Winners
Sunday, August 1, 2021	Tuesday, August 10, 2021	Saturday, August 21, 2021

## Application Procedure

Please preface your application with a summary **Statement of Exceptional Contribution** (maximum 100 words) outlining the peculiar features that make the product or service novel and demonstrate its worth to the industry. There is no particular word limit but it is suggested to contain between 500 to 2000 words. Applicants are requested to be concise and provide all the necessary information for the panel to judge it, instead of unnecessary or additional particulars.

The applications should contain the following details:

- Main features and functions of the product or service?
- Background and research design behind its development or launch?
- What resources went into its creation?
- Factors of significance and innovation?
- What value does it offer, how is this measured?
- Business model and possible scope for further expansion?

The application must include;

- Name of initiative, product or service
- Publisher or owner
- Launching Date of Initiative, product or service
- Supporting Web link if applicable
- **If a username and password are required to access the content, please supply details with your application.**
- Full contact details inclusive of Name, email, mobile number, current designation, organizational affiliation etc of the person submitting the application

**Please note** that if you do not provide sufficient information about the innovation you are submitting, the panel will not be able to give due consideration to the application. Incomplete application forms will automatically be discarded from the system within 24 hrs. If the publication, product, or service is produced on behalf of another organization, the owner's written permission for the submission to be made is required.

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