



OEC announces the 2019 winners of the Open Education Awards for Excellence, Individual Awards

CONCORD, Mass. - Sept. 3, 2019 - [PRLog](#) -- The Open Education Awards for Excellence provide annual recognition to outstanding contributions in the Open Education community, recognizing exemplary leaders, open educational resources, and Open Projects & Initiatives. Congratulations to the following 2019 Open Education Awards for Excellence recipients.

The **Leadership Award** is presented to an individual that has demonstrated strong leadership, longstanding involvement, and whose contributions have spanned regions or had global impact on Open Education, **Cheryl Hodgkinson-Williams**. Hodgkinson-Williams is a leading figure in the international open educational resources (OER) research community and currently holds the first ever UNESCO Chair in Open Education and Social Justice. Formerly the PI of the large, cross-regional Research on Open Educational Resources for Development (ROER4D) project, Cheryl has made a substantial contribution to growing research capacity in and advancing a theoretical understanding of open education and OER. In her capacity as a researcher and mentor, she has been instrumental in supporting a network of Global South scholars and ensuring that a diversity of voices is profiled in the global OER conversation.

The **Practitioner Award** is presented to an individual who has shown exceptional dedication to high quality teaching and learning and a commitment to the ideals of Open Education, access, equity and opportunity, **Professor Carlos Delgado Kloos**. Professor Delgado Kloos has been an outstanding educator for over 35 years. His most recent contribution to open education includes two MOOC trilogies on Introduction to Java Programming published on edX that have reached near 500,000 registered learners. He has participated in 4 other MOOCs on edX and MiríadaX, in a course for OpenCourseWare, and more. He holds a UNESCO Chair and has coordinated several projects worldwide around open education.

The **Student Award** is presented to the student or students whose achievements inspire or advocate for the promotion and advancement of open educational resources and open education. This year, two students are recognized for their significant, global contribution of open resources in the field of high speed transportation. **Dirk Ulijn and Bart Meeuwissen**, from TU Delft, participated in the Hyperloop project and were eager to share their knowledge and passion about the project with the whole world. To share their knowledge and passion for high speed travel, they created a MOOC, Hyperloop: Changing the Future of Transportation, featured on the edX platform, free for everyone to study, and released under a CC BY NC SA license.

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