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During the early 1970s Ogborn was the Project co-ordinator for The Higher Education Learning Project in Physics which was funded by the Nuffield Foundation. In 1984 Ogborn left Chelsea College of Science and Technology to become the Professor of Science Education at Institute of Education in the University of London, a position he held until 1997, when he joined the University of Sussex in the same position of Professor of Science Education. He retired from this position in 2001, becoming Professor Emeritus of Science Education at Institute of Education.[1]

Between 1992 and 1995, Ogborn worked on the Nuffield Foundation funded project Teaching about why things change with Richard Boohan, developing Energy and Change, a publication of three booklets to make thermodynamic ideas accessible to school students. Between February and March 1993, Ogborn was an Osher Fellow.[6] In 1997 he was selected to lead the Advancing Physics A-Level project funded by the Institute of Physics.

Internationally Ogborn has completed research with GIREP, the European Science Education Research Association and the European Union. During his membership with the International Commission on Physics Education he edited the second edition of their publication Physics Now.

In 1973, Ogborn jointly won the Lawrence Bragg Medal and Prize with Paul Black. Ogborn has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Physics, and was a medallist and an Honorary Member of the Roland Eötvös Physical Society of Hungary. In 2006 he won the ICPE Medal for his contributions to physics education, "which have been outstanding in their nature and international in their scope and influence".