

## Vacancy: Editor-in-Chief, *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*

BMJ is looking for the next Editor-in-Chief who will lead *BMJ Open Respiratory Research* into its next phase of development.

*BMJ Open Respiratory Research* ([bmjopenrespres.bmj.com](http://bmjopenrespres.bmj.com)) is the online-only open access companion to *Thorax*, published by BMJ in partnership with the British Thoracic Society. The journal launched in 2013 and publishes high quality original research and review papers across all areas of respiratory medicine, critical care and sleep medicine. It is indexed in MEDLINE, PubMed Central, Scopus and Web of Science (Emerging Sources Citation Index). The journal emphasises rapid, high quality peer review, robustness of methodology and scientific rigour, and has a focus on patient and public partnership.

The ideal candidate will be a respected clinician–researcher with demonstrable editorial experience and a strong vision to advance the journal’s reach, impact and influence internationally. They will appoint and lead the editorial team, actively promoting and strengthening the journal while upholding the highest standards of editorial and professional practice.

## About the role

The Editor-in-Chief has overall responsibility for the content and editorial strategy of the journal, in line with the business plan, with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ publishing staff. The successful candidate should have stature in the field of respiratory medicine, a distinguished publication record, and experience of working in a senior editorial role for an academic journal. The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of half a day per week on journal activities.

The main responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include, but are not limited to:

- Providing the highest possible quality of scientific content to augment the knowledge, impact and practice of clinicians involved in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent scientific strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial board and reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process and providing guidance to authors, reviewers and editorial team members as appropriate
- Developing procedures for effective triage and review of scientific manuscripts to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers
- Adding value to the journal by commissioning editorials, reviews, educational material and online content
- Supervising the journal’s response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work

- Overseeing the social media strategy for the title
- Working collaboratively with the Editors of *Thorax* and other BMJ-published journals to optimise article transfers

As Editor-in-Chief you will benefit from the following:

- Competitive annual honorarium
- Full training and support
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Membership of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Attendance at the annual networking Editors' Retreat hosted by BMJ in London
- Exclusive access to BMJ content, including *The BMJ* and BMJ Learning
- Interaction with the latest research from around the world
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty

Applicants need not be based in the UK and international and joint applicants are encouraged. An excellent standard of written English is required.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is 5 years. To ensure a smooth transition it is envisaged that the new Editor-in-Chief will work alongside the current team for several months before taking up the post fully on 1 August 2022.

## How to apply

Please send a full CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and your vision for the future of *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide a detailed analysis of the journal as part of the selection process. For more details of the role, or to apply, please email Henry Spilberg, Associate Publisher ([hspilberg@bmj.com](mailto:hspilberg@bmj.com)), with the subject line 'BMJORR Editorship'.

The deadline for applications is 3 January 2022. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in January/February 2022 via videoconference.

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