

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

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

*BMJ Open Respiratory Research* (<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 publishes high quality original research and review papers across respiratory medicine, critical care and sleep medicine. It is indexed in MEDLINE, PubMed Central, Scopus and Web of Science (Science Citation Index), and will receive its first impact factor in 2022. 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, with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ publishing staff. They 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:

- Appointing a high quality editorial board and team of reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process
- Developing procedures for effective triage and review of scientific manuscripts
- Overseeing the social media strategy for the title
- Working collaboratively with the Editors of *Thorax* and other BMJ-published journals to optimise article transfers

The Editor-in-Chief will benefit from a competitive annual honorarium and full training and support.

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. International and joint applicants are encouraged.

## 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* to Henry Spielberg, Associate Publisher ([hspielberg@bmj.com](mailto:hspielberg@bmj.com)), with the subject line 'BMJORR Editorship'.

The deadline for applications is **31 January 2022**. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in February 2022 via videoconference.