

BMJ Open Respiratory Research: call for Editor(s)-in-Chief

BMJ invites applications for the editorship of *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*.

BMJ Open Respiratory Research is an online-only open access journal publishing original research and review papers across all areas of respiratory, critical care and sleep medicine. It is the open access companion to *Thorax*, published by BMJ in partnership with the British Thoracic Society. *BMJORR* is indexed in MEDLINE, PubMed Central, Scopus and Science Citation Index, and has an impact factor of 5.054 (JCR 2021) and Citescore of 4.7 (Scopus 2021). The journal emphasises 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 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 and practice of clinicians in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of 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 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 and online content
- Supervising responses 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 journals to optimise article transfers

As Editor-in-Chief you will benefit from:

- Competitive annual honorarium

- Full training and support from BMJ publishing team
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Membership of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Attendance at the annual BMJ Editors Seminar in London
- Access to BMJ content, including *The BMJ* and BMJ Learning
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty

We welcome applications from all interested parties and nominations of qualified candidates. International and joint applications are encouraged.

The editorship is an independent contractor position and the term of office is five years, with the possibility of a two-year extension.

How to apply

Please send a full CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Please include the following in your proposal:

1. Vision for the future of the journal under your editorship
2. Your plan to grow the volume of high-quality articles published in the journal.
3. Vision for a comprehensive strategy to ensure a diverse and inclusive approach to submissions, authorship, methods, and specialty representation
4. Outline of previous journal or editing experience

Please direct any questions or applications to Henry Spielberg, Senior Publisher (hspielberg@bmj.com), with the subject line 'BMJORR Editorship'. The deadline for applications is **30 September 2022**. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held by videoconference in October 2022.

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