

Publications Committee

Chair

The Biochemical Society is committed to supporting the molecular bioscience community and publishes five journals to support research dissemination. The Society is entering a new phase of its strategy – adapting and transforming the ways in which we serve our increasingly global, interconnected, diverse and multidisciplinary community.

The Society's Publications Committee keeps under review the Society's publishing products and services to ensure that they are relevant, serve the community and provide value for the Society and the molecular bioscience community. The Committee is composed of the Editors-in-Chief of the Society's publications, an early career representative and a mid-career representative.

We are seeking a Chair to lead, oversee and direct the discussions of the Publications Committee – specifically considering policies and standards, publishing best practice, and community value.

The Chair of Publications Committee also sits as a member of Portland Press Limited Board – the Board of Directors of Portland Press, the wholly owned publishing subsidiary of the Biochemical Society.

The Chair will do the following in fulfilment of the Publications Committee role:

- Lead, oversee and direct the activities of the Publications Committee to maximise benefit to the Society, doing this in line with Biochemical Society and Portland Press strategy and objectives.
- Report to Portland Press Limited Board on the contribution of publishing activities towards the Society's objectives.
- Keep under review scientific policy and standards for the Biochemical Society portfolio of journals, ensuring discussion around any desirable/required policy changes.
- Ensure that Biochemical Society-owned publications are run in line with scholarly publishing best practice, advising (where required) on research integrity matters, following [COPE guidelines](#).
- Respond to cases of dispute involving the Society's publications escalated from Editorial Boards via approved management and governance procedures.
- Among the community, support and advocate for the Society's publications, driving high-quality content to the titles.
- Where appropriate, advise the publishing team of any matters arising in connection with market forces or researcher behaviour that may have implications for the publishing portfolio.

Requirements:

- A scientific background with a degree (PhD or equivalent) in the field relevant to biochemistry/molecular biosciences.
- Evidence of significant publishing/editorial experience within the STEM sector, or a demonstrated interest in the academic publishing landscape.
- Demonstrable leadership and communication skills.