

# Biochemical Journal

## **Chair of the Editorial Board**

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The [Biochemical Journal](#) Chair of the Editorial Board (henceforth referred to as Editor-in-Chief) will lead, oversee and direct the activities of the Editorial Board, with the support of the internal publishing team. Advocating for the journal, both externally and among the Editorial Board, the Editor-in-Chief will support the selection of key topics across the molecular biosciences and recommend researchers to contribute to the journal, contributing to content and title growth. Promoting the journal actively to potential and existing authors, the Editor-in-Chief will help to raise the profile of the journal among scientists worldwide.

An honorarium is paid for this position, details of which will be discussed with shortlisted candidates.

The Editor-in-Chief will do the following in fulfilment of the Editor-in-Chief role:

- Lead, oversee and direct the activities of the Editorial Board to maximise benefit to the journal, doing this in line with [Biochemical Society and Portland Press strategy and objectives](#).
- Together with the Editorial Board, guide and shape the vision, scope and coverage of the journal, ensuring the journal is publishing content of relevance to the readership.
- Working with the internal publishing team, lead on policy development (where applicable) for the Editorial Board, and contribute to the annual strategy of the journal, including contributing to the development of the journal's commissioning strategy.
- Lead and direct discussions of the Editorial Board with a view to driving quality content to the journal.
- Among the community, support and advocate for high-quality content and authors for the journal.
- Help raise the profile of the journal worldwide and actively promote the journal to potential authors and readers.
- Support the commissioning of high-quality research papers and review articles from authors through personal contact, calls for papers and participation in conferences.
- Chair the annual meeting of the Editorial Board and any other meetings between Editorial Board members and the publishing team; lead and direct discussions at these meetings.
- Implement, and ensure that members of the Editorial Board implement, agreed processes and actions.
- Adhere to and ensure that members of the Editorial Board and others involved with the journal adhere to agreed policies and [COPE guidelines](#).
- Lead by example and, where appropriate, publish some of their own work in the journal. Personal submissions will be subject to peer review and handled by an Editorial Board member with no conflict of interest.
- Where appropriate, advise the publishing team of any matters arising in

connection with market forces or researcher behaviour, e.g. competitors in the environment, funding requirements, that may have implications for the journal and maintain awareness of competitor journals.

- Where needed, act as an adjudicating Editor on submissions, and advise on any submissions or articles post-publication where potential research integrity issues have been raised.
- Represent the journal on the Publications Committee of the Biochemical Society, representing the journal in this forum and advising and reviewing publishing products, services, policies and standards.

**Requirements:**

- A scientific background with a degree (PhD or equivalent) in the field relevant to the journal scope.
- An expert in the field, with a track record of significant and impactful research contributions in the journal's subject area, demonstrating knowledge and authority within the field, accompanied by a substantial publication history or other evidence to show contributions.
- Evidence of previous editorial experience (e.g. as an Associate Editor or Editor Board member).
- Demonstrable leadership and communication skills.
- Well-established connections within the research community.