

Call for applications: Chair of the Editorial Board, BMJ Open Respiratory Research

BMJ and BTS are seeking a Chair of the Editorial Board to support *BMJ Open Respiratory Research*, an open access journal publishing high quality research in all fields of respiratory medicine. The Chair of the Editorial Board will provide guidance and leadership for the editorial team; help to advise on the journal's scope, content policies and procedures; and advise on the appointment of its editorial board. The Chair will not be required to handle manuscripts through peer review or make day-to-day editorial decisions.

Requirements of the role

The Chair of the Editorial Board will:

- Act as point of contact for editorial board and chair meetings of the board (at least annually)
- Link *BMJ Open Respiratory Research* to broader respiratory, sleep and critical care communities and act as the lead ambassador for the journal
- Advise the journal's research editors, associate editors, authors and reviewers on journal editorial policies and scope
- Work with BMJ to ensure the journal attracts a diverse range of contributors, research methods and readers
- Keep the journal up to date on innovations and best practice in respiratory, sleep and critical care research
- Advise inhouse editorial staff, when necessary, on complex editorial appeals or research integrity issues
- Liaise with the editors of *Thorax* to ensure positive collaboration between the journals and to facilitate the transfer of manuscripts
- Attend twice-yearly BMJ/BTS journal management committee meetings (virtually or in-person) and report on journal activity
- Provide advice and guidance on ideas for special issues and themed collections
- Work with BTS committees to identify relevant content from the breadth of BTS activities for publication in the journal
- Help recruit the broader editorial board with a focus on seeking diversity on multiple fronts, including race, ethnicity, gender, professional background and nationality

Candidates should have considerable experience in respiratory medicine and a substantial publication record; a commitment to open access and advancing standards in respiratory research reporting and conduct, including open science methods and principles.

An honorarium will be available to cover costs associated with the role. The appointment will be for an initial term of three years, renewable by mutual agreement. International applications are welcome,

How to apply

Please send a CV and letter describing your suitability and how you would fulfil the requirements of the role. Application deadline: **9th June 2023** (the position will remain open until an appropriate candidate is appointed). To apply, or if you wish to discuss the role further, please email Henry Spilberg, Senior Publisher: hspilberg@bmj.com or call +44 (0)20 3655 5416.

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[*BMJ Open Respiratory Research*](#) 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 all areas of respiratory medicine, critical care and sleep medicine. It is indexed in MEDLINE, PubMed Central, Scopus and Web of Science and has a Journal Impact Factor of 5.054 (JCR, 2021). The journal emphasises rapid, high quality peer review, robustness of methodology and scientific rigour, and has a focus on patient and public partnership.