

## **Tobacco Control – call for Editor(s)-in-Chief**

BMJ invites applications for the editorship of *Tobacco Control* for a five-year term starting summer 2023.

The ideal candidate will be a respected researcher with demonstrable editorial experience and a strong vision that advances the journal's international reputation, profile and mission to publish engaging and informed content. You will appoint and lead the editorial team, actively promoting and strengthening the journal and upholding the highest standards concerning editorial policies and professional practice. You will recognise the need to engage the journal's audiences at all levels, develop its print and online content and extend its reach.

### **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 and with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ publishing staff. The successful candidate should have a distinguished publication record and relevant experience at a senior editorial role with an academic journal. The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of one day per week on journal activities.

The selected individual will:

- Take a leading role in introducing new innovations in format and content in the journal.
- Create a comprehensive strategy for the journal to ensure diversity and inclusion in the authorship, methods and subfields represented.
- Review the process in place for symposia on special topics and the role of guest editors.
- Develop a plan to increase submissions and publications over their term.

Please include the following in your proposal:

1. Vision for the future of the journal under your editorship including planned innovations, expansion, and strategies for challenges.
2. Your plan to grow the quantity of high-quality articles published in the journal, along with the possibility to increase the number of articles published/page budget.
3. Vision for a comprehensive strategy for the journal to ensure a diverse and inclusive approach to submissions, authorship, methods, and subfield representation. Include specific examples from your prior experience advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, if applicable.
4. Proposed editorial process and how you would conduct peer review.
5. CV and an outline of previous journal and editing experience
6. Cover letter specifying how you meet the criteria set out in this call.

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, impact and practice of researchers and practitioners involved in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent scientific strategy and vision for the journal

- Building and maintaining a supportive team of highly qualified 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 triage and 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, educational material and online content
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Overseeing the social media strategy for the title
- Working collaboratively with Editors of other BMJ journals to develop a joint content strategy and to optimise article transfers
- Ensuring compliance with the journal's policy on [tobacco industry funding](#).

BMJ provides the following support for the Editor(s)-in-Chief and the journal:

- Competitive annual honorarium
- ScholarOne manuscript submission and peer review system with dedicated Editorial Production Assistant
- Copyediting and electronic production services
- Hosting annual editorial board meeting (in person or virtual)
- Reporting on publishing data and bibliometrics (citations, downloads, Altmetric, etc) to inform decision-making
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Membership of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Attendance at the annual networking BMJ Editors Seminar in London
- Free personal subscription to *Tobacco Control* and access to BMJ content, including *The BMJ* and BMJ Learning

We welcome applications from all interested parties and nominations of qualified candidates. International and joint applications are encouraged. Candidates must not have any ties (financial or otherwise) with tobacco companies or tobacco industry-funded organisations.

The editorship is an independent contractor position and the term of office is five years beginning summer 2023, with the possibility of a two-year extension. 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 over fully. The current Editor-in-Chief, Professor Ruth Malone, is happy to speak to potential applicants on an informal basis.

Please submit applications by email to Ms Catherine Dolinsky, Publisher ([cdolinsky@bmj.com](mailto:cdolinsky@bmj.com)), with the subject line 'Tobacco Control Editorship'. The deadline for applications is **31 January 2023**. The position will remain open until filled. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held by videoconference

## About *Tobacco Control*

*Tobacco Control* has been published by BMJ since it launched in 1992. With an Impact Factor of 6.953 (JCR 2021), it is one of the most cited and widely read journals in the field, covering the nature and consequences of tobacco use worldwide; tobacco's effects on population health, the economy, the environment, and society; efforts to prevent and control the global tobacco epidemic through population-level education and policy changes; the ethical dimensions of tobacco control policies; and the activities of the tobacco industry and its allies. The journal receives over 1,500 submissions per year and has a median time from submission to editorial decision following review of 61 days.

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