



Call for nominations Editor-in-Chief, JAAOS

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) announces its search for Editor-in-Chief of its flagship *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons* (JAAOS®). JAAOS is the leading clinical review journal in orthopaedics. The Editor-in-Chief develops and executes vision and strategy for the JAAOS portfolio, which includes JAAOS and the Official Open Access Journal of the AAOS, *Journal of the AAOS Global Research & Reviews*®.

The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed in early 2021 (Editor-in-Chief Designee transition year) for an initial three-year term, renewable once, beginning January 1, 2022.

Applicants should have a broad perspective of the orthopaedics field and be astute to emerging areas of research. A high level of visibility and recognized leadership in rigorous clinical orthopaedics research, scholarly publication, and practice are expected. The successful candidate will be a Fellow of the AAOS (FAAOS); have extensive experience with prominent, peer-reviewed scholarly journals as author, peer reviewer, and associate editor or editorial board member; and demonstrate access to a large both domestic and international network of experts working in fields relevant to clinical orthopaedics.

Applications should be received by October 30, 2020, and include a cover letter describing the reasons for the candidate's interest in the position, a brief description of the candidate's editorial experience, and a curriculum vitae. After review of applications, the top candidates will be asked to provide additional information on their qualifications and their strategic vision for JAAOS. Finalists will be required to complete Mandatory Enhanced Disclosure. Interviews with finalists will be held in November 2020.

AAOS has partnered with scholarly publishing experts KWF Consulting to conduct the search for JAAOS Editor-in-Chief. All applications and nominations should be addressed to Lisa Marshall, Senior Consultant, KWF Consulting (lisa.marshall@kwfco.com) by October 30, 2020.

Position description

Editor-in-Chief, JAAOS Portfolio

Background

The Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (JAAOS®) is *The Official Journal of the AAOS*. JAAOS disseminates knowledge to improve the care of patients with orthopaedic disorders. Articles critically evaluate and synthesize current information on the diagnosis and management of orthopaedic conditions and document the current state of orthopaedic practice. JAAOS includes review articles, techniques articles and practical videos, original research articles, Clinical Practice Guidelines summary articles, Appropriate Use Criteria articles with accompanying case studies, letters to the editor, editorials, the annual Presidential Address, The Training Room and additional article types. AAOS offers CME and maintenance of certification (MoC) credit via JAAOS.

The Journal of the AAOS Global Research & Reviews® (JAAOS Global) is *The Official Open Access Journal of the AAOS*. JAAOS Global publishes review articles; research articles and clinical trials; surgical techniques; case reports; and commentary for the benefit of orthopaedic surgeons at all levels of their careers, from residency on, as well as orthopaedic researchers and healthcare professionals with an interest in orthopaedics.

Summary of the role

The Editor-in-Chief develops and executes a vision and strategy for the JAAOS portfolio, leading the JAAOS Editorial Board and the Editor-in-Chief of JAAOS Global Research & Reviews (together, “JAAOS”). The JAAOS Editor-in-Chief reports to the AAOS Council on Education. JAAOS is published by Wolters Kluwer on behalf of AAOS. AAOS staff supports the Editor-in-Chief and oversees and monitors the quality and timeliness of services provided by the publisher.

Responsibilities

Primary responsibilities of the JAAOS Editor-in-Chief comprise the following:

1. Ensure the highest quality and most relevant science is published in JAAOS, maintaining the journal’s reputation as the leading clinical review journal in orthopaedics
2. Lead the JAAOS Editorial Board of Deputy Editors in conducting peer reviews of manuscripts submitted for publication to its Review and Research Sections
3. Lead the JAAOS International Advisory Board in helping identify prospective topics, authors, and reviewers from outside the United States and Canada encouraging those authors to submit review article proposals and research articles to JAAOS

4. Solicit high-quality manuscripts from potential authors covering current topics
5. Nominate to the Editorial Board members who contribute diversity in expertise and representation to JAAOS and its peer review processes
6. Maintain oversight of the process for submission and peer review of manuscripts, establishing policies and guidelines to ensure adherence to best practices and a sufficient pool of expert reviewers to reach conclusions and make decisions on manuscripts in a timely manner
7. Work to facilitate manuscript transfer to JAAOS Global when appropriate
8. Keep abreast of and work to improve JAAOS metrics, including time to first decision, review time, revision time, submissions received, articles published, rejection rate, usage, citations, and other quantitative and qualitative measures deemed appropriate by the AAOS Council on Education
9. Act as ambassador of JAAOS to the worldwide author/editor/reviewer/member communities interested in orthopaedic surgery and attend AAOS annual meetings
10. Lead annual meetings of the Editorial Board and maintain regular communications with Deputy Editors, the International Advisory Board, and AAOS staff in matters related to editorial policies, the composition of the editorial board, editorial peer review, and, as needed, other issues of importance to AAOS and medical publishing
11. Prepare and submit quarterly reports of journal activities to the AAOS Council on Education
12. Maintain regular, ongoing communications with the publisher and AAOS staff to ensure timely and accurate publication of articles and issues
13. Approve proposals for publication of supplements and/or special issues and appoint Guest Editors
14. Uphold transparency of research reporting to maintain the quality of science published in JAAOS and work with AAOS staff to resolve any issues related to scientific integrity
15. Review advertisements as requested prior to publication for compliance with AAOS policies
16. Curate multimedia content (audio, video, visual, etc.) that will increase interest and readership of JAAOS such as JAAOS Unplugged® podcasts, JAAOS Plus webinars, article submitted videos, and Infographics
17. Monitor, edit and contribute as needed to the JAAOS blog, Sounds From the Training Room, working with other blog authors and blog correspondents to approve content
18. Drive innovation by proposing and piloting new formats to drive reader engagement and win new readership
19. Approve and review select CME modules per issue, as created by designated CME author

Term

The term begins officially on January 1, 2022, with a transition year in 2021 (Editor-in-Chief Designee). The Editor-in-Chief may serve for up to six years consisting of an initial three-year term, which may be renewed once.

Qualifications

The JAAOS Editor-in-Chief will have a broad perspective of the orthopaedics field and be astute to emerging areas of research. A high level of visibility and recognized leadership in rigorous clinical orthopaedics research, scholarly publication, and practice are expected. The successful candidate will be



a Fellow of the AAOS (FAAOS); have extensive experience with prominent, peer-reviewed scholarly journals as author, peer reviewer, and associate editor or editorial board member; and demonstrate access to a large both domestic and international network of experts working in fields relevant to clinical orthopaedics.

Applicants should be familiar with JAAOS and its competitors and have the ability to articulate a clear vision for the future of JAAOS. Applicant is familiar with the AAOS Strategic Plan and understands the need to align with the goals, metrics and objectives as outlined. Applicant is aware of and agrees to live by the AAOS Core Values when serving in AAOS Governance. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills and sufficient time available to meet the demands of Editor-in-Chief of a twice-monthly, peer-reviewed journal and oversee an open access journal are essential. The JAAOS Editor-in-Chief will be required to complete mandatory financial disclosure and agree to a Plan for Active Management as developed by the Committee on Ethics and Outside Interests in accordance with the Board approved [Guidance Document for Service on the AAOS Board of Directors, as Council Chairs, as Editors-in-Chief of JAAOS, JAAOS Research/Global, AAOS Now, OrthoInfo, and as Members of the Executive Leadership Team.](#)