



Journal of Public Relations Research

Call for 2022-2024 Editor-in-Chief

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: JANUARY 2, 2021

Taylor & Francis and the *Journal of Public Relations Research* editorial search committee are now accepting applications for editor of the *Journal of Public Relations Research*, the official journal of the Public Relations Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Open to ALL methods and methodologies of inquiry and open to ALL paradigms of public relations scholarship, the **purpose of the journal is to create, test, refine, critique, or expand theory in public relations.**

About the Position

The term of editorship runs January 2022-December 2024. The new editor will begin work in March 2021 as part of the Journal's editorial team led by current EIC Bey-Ling Sha, with the first issue published under the new editor anticipated for Q1 2022.

About the Journal

- 2019 IF: 1.897 (2019 IF ranking: 34 of 92 journals in communication)
- 2019 five-year IF: 3.737 (2019 five-year ranking: 13 of 92)
- Abstracted/indexed in: Current Contents, Web of Science, EBSCOhost, Scopus, Ovid PsycINFO, ProQuest online research databases, and Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC).
- For more information visit: <https://www.tandfonline.com/hpr>

Position Overview

The editor works in partnership with the editorial board members, AEJMC PR division officers, and the publisher. The new editor should be committed to rigorous scholarship and have a strong academic record and ability to coordinate and manage projects as well as a track record for meeting deadlines. Applicants should provide evidence of experience and ability to edit and produce six issues annually. The editor's institution must agree to provide administrative support such as administrative time, a graduate assistant, or office space.

Job Duties

Basic editorial duties include reading submitted manuscripts, managing the manuscript review process, selecting reviewers, decisioning manuscripts based on recommendations of reviewers, overseeing production in coordination with the production editor, coordinating with the publisher, and reporting annually to AEJMC-PRD.

Additional duties necessitated by current editorial environments include promoting the journal, marketing specific articles, recruiting submissions and reviewers, educating the academic community about the journal, training editorial team members and reviewers, responding to issues and authors, and strategizing journal outcomes with the editorial board and publisher.

Minimum Qualifications

Earned Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree
Tenured faculty member
Confirmed institutional support
Demonstrated ability to execute basic duties

Preferred Qualifications

Rank of full professor
Strong level of confirmed institutional support
Demonstrated ability to execute additional duties, in addition to basic duties

Selection Process

The *JPRR* editor selection committee and a representative from Taylor & Francis will review the proposals from editor candidates. Under new procedures adopted by the AEJMC PRD in August 2019, the editor selection committee will comprise the current EIC (if not reapplying), a past editor, two past heads of the division, and the current division head (who votes only in the event of a tie among the other four committee members). The selection committee is charged to develop a robust pool of candidates.

Once the committee has made its selection, the editor-select will be ratified by the division membership. While ratification typically happens at the PRD business meeting at the annual AEJMC conference, the 2020 selection process was delayed due to COVID and other factors. Thus, ratification of the editor-select by the PRD membership will occur via electronic vote administered by PRD officers.

Selection Timeline

- Monday, November 2 — Call for applications released
- Saturday, January 2 — Application deadline
- January — Candidate interviews, if committee deems necessary
- Sunday, January 31 — Editor-select notified
- Tuesday, February 2 — Editor-select to accept & confirm institutional support
- Wednesday, February 3 — Editor-select is announced and PRD conducts e-vote to ratify
- Monday, March 1 — Editor-select begins working with current editorial team under EIC Sha
- Remainder of 2021 — EIC Sha will lead on manuscript decisions until 2021 volume is filled, after which editor-select will lead on manuscript decisions

Application Process

The application package requires the following:

- (1) Letter of Interest that includes: reasons for seeking the editorship; qualifying experience, skills and interests; and vision for the Journal's continuing growth
- (2) CV (full and current) that demonstrates: commitment to rigorous scholarship; strong academic record; ability to coordinate and manage projects; and track record for meeting deadlines
- (3) Letter of Institutional Support (from college dean) that outlines ways in which the institution's commitment to supporting the candidate will be manifest. Examples of institutional support for past editors include: course releases, travel support, graduate assistant, technology support, and office space.

Email applications (in 3 PDFs) to:

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