

**Call for applications: Chair of the Editorial Board, *BMJ Open Gastroenterology***

BMJ and BSG are seeking a Chair of the Editorial Board to support *BMJ Open Gastroenterology*, an open access journal publishing high quality research across gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, clinical nutrition and related areas.

This is a new role for the journal. The Chair of the Editorial Board will provide guidance for the editorial team; help to develop 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 members and chair meetings of the board (at least annually)
- Link *BMJ Open Gastroenterology* to broader research communities and act as the lead ambassador for the journal
- Advise the journal's research editors, associate editors, authors and reviewers on editorial policies and scope
- Work with BMJ to ensure the journal attracts a diverse range of contributors and readers
- Keep the journal up to date on innovations and best practice in research
- Advise inhouse editorial staff, when necessary, on complex editorial appeals or research integrity issues
- Liaise with the editors of *Gut* and *Frontline Gastroenterology* to ensure positive collaboration between the journals and to facilitate the transfer of manuscripts
- Attend twice-yearly BMJ/BSG journal management committee meetings (virtually or in-person) and report on journal activity and strategic initiatives
- Provide advice and guidance on ideas for themed topic collections
- Work with BSG committees to identify relevant content from the breadth of BSG 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, nationality and professional background

Candidates should have considerable experience in gastroenterology or a closely related field, a substantial publication record, and ideally have editorial experience gained from working on a research journal. They should also demonstrate a commitment to open access and advancing standards in 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: **28 June 2024**. Interviews for shortlisted applicants will be conducted virtually and 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](mailto:hspilberg@bmj.com) or call +44 (0)20 3655 5416.

### **About BMJOG**

[BMJ Open Gastroenterology](#) is the online-only, open access companion to *Gut* and *Frontline Gastroenterology*, published by BMJ in partnership with the British Society of Gastroenterology. The journal publishes high quality original research in gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and related areas. It is indexed in MEDLINE, PubMed Central, Scopus and Web of Science and has a Journal Impact Factor of 3.1 (JCR, 2022). The journal emphasises rapid, high quality peer review, robustness of methodology and scientific rigour. BSG members benefit from a 30% discount on the article processing charge.