

The role: Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Clinical Pathology*

BMJ and the Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP) are looking for an ambitious and dynamic Editor-in-Chief for *Journal of Clinical Pathology*, one of the leading multidisciplinary journals in pathology.

The candidate should be an active researcher and/or clinical pathologist. Specialists in any branch of pathology are welcome to apply. They will act as an ambassador, upholding the highest ethical standards and editorial policies, as well as actively promoting and developing the journal. The editor should be able to utilise their extensive international network of contacts to target areas of growth in pathology research and introduce new types of content or emerging topic areas to the journal.

Applicants should have an MD and PhD (or similar degree) and should be able to demonstrate their stature and impact in the field. The ideal candidate(s) will have editorial experience handling manuscripts, a commitment to education and academic excellence, and excellent interpersonal skills.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is three years. The Editor has responsibility for the editorial strategy and content of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ. Editorial training and technical support will be provided, together with strategic guidance. An annual stipend and other benefits are provided, as well as experienced editorial office support. The time commitment will depend on the structure of the editorial team, but is estimated at the equivalent of at least one day per week.

Main responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for all the scholarly and non-scholarly content published in the journal, and will:

- Provide high quality and engaging content for a broad audience
- Establish and lead a diverse and supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial team
- Maintain and ensure the integrity of the review process and publishing ethics, providing guidance to authors and reviewers as appropriate
- Develop procedures for effective triage and review of articles, working closely with the editorial team to ensure timely responses to authors
- Supervise the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical queries regarding published work
- Add value by commissioning editorials, reviews, educational material and online content, and seeking opportunities to publish themed issues and supplements
- Build and maintain collaborative relationships with affiliated organisations and events to advance the journal's international reputation and profile

About *Journal of Clinical Pathology*

[*Journal of Clinical Pathology*](#) (JCP) offers a mix of cutting-edge academic research and practical clinical advice. As one of the few broad scope pathology journals, it enables the

busy pathologist to keep up to date with the latest developments in all disciplines.

In addition to original research, JCP publishes a wide range of other content types aimed at the trainee or practising pathologist, including review articles on hot topics, best practice articles for clinical investigations, detailed summaries of key genes and molecules in pathogenesis, and multi-disciplinary grand rounds cases. Selected articles have accredited online learning modules for self-assessment and CME.

JCP is indexed in all major databases, including MEDLINE, Web of Science and Scopus. It has a Journal Impact Factor of 3.411 and a CiteScore of 5.3.

Being an Editor for BMJ

As Editor of *Journal of Clinical Pathology* you will benefit from:

- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty
- An annual honorarium
- Attendance at a Medical Editors' training course
- Networking events with other BMJ Journal Editors
- Training and support
- Opportunities to interact with pathologists around the world

Application process

To be considered for the role, please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your interest and experience, a SWOT analysis of the journal, and your editorial vision for its future development. Applications should be sent to Lindsey Fountain, Associate Publisher, at lfountain@bmj.com. International and joint applications are welcomed. Interviews will be held via video conference.

Application deadline: 3rd April 2022

Start date: 1st January 2023, although the successful candidate should have the opportunity of working alongside the current Editor-in-Chief in the second half of 2022.

About BMJ

Journal of Clinical Pathology is co-owned by [BMJ](#). BMJ is a global healthcare knowledge provider with a vision for a healthier world. We share knowledge and expertise to improve healthcare outcomes. Along with our renowned flagship title, The BMJ, we offer over 70 specialty journals, a world leading collection of digital professional development resources, clinical decision support tools, and educational events.

About the ACP

Journal of Clinical Pathology is co-owned by the [Association of Clinical Pathologists](#) (ACP) in the UK, which aims to improve the conditions of pathology practice, increase the status of clinical pathologists, and provide education and networking opportunities.