

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology Editor-in-Chief **Job description**

British Pharmacological Society Vision

A world in which pharmacology and therapeutics drive and support progress in science, medicine and healthcare.

British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology (BJCP) Vision

- **To continue to be a top clinical pharmacology title, publishing / disseminating high-quality clinical pharmacology and therapeutics.**
- **To embrace the principles of open science.**
- **To provide the best service to authors and researchers, publishing media-rich multifaceted papers and disseminating content on a state-of-the-art platform optimised for open science publishing.**

BJCP Scope

The British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology (BJCP) contains papers and reports on all aspects of drug action in humans: review articles, mini review articles, original papers, commentaries, editorials and letters. The Journal enjoys a wide readership, bridging the gap between the medical profession, clinical research and the pharmaceutical industry. It also publishes research on new methods, new drugs and new approaches to treatment.

Role Profile

The Editor-in-Chief will develop and deliver a vision for the continued improvement and development of *BJCP*, and for driving forward new initiatives for the journal. Working in close partnership with the Society, its Publisher, and the senior editorial team, the Editor-in-Chief will deliver strategic direction to the journal, and contribute more broadly to the Society's research dissemination goals.

While the following list is not exhaustive, the Editor-in-Chief's responsibilities will include the following:

Editorial

- In association with the Senior Editorial Team, to agree and implement an ambitious editorial strategy to publish cutting edge research from the full breadth of the journal's scope.
- Continually review and adapt the vision, mission and content of the BJCP to increase its impact and visibility.
- Provide leadership to the Senior Editors' group in the management of the Journal.
- Take overall responsibility for the peer review system and workflow within the journal.



- Chair regular Editorial Board meetings and meetings of Senior Editors, etc.
- Be responsible for overseeing recruitment activity for Senior Editor positions and for the identification and appointment of all other Editors including Reviews Editors.
- Be responsible for writing and commissioning editorial content for *BJCP* including in new areas of medicine and pharmacology, highlighting possible opportunities for clinical pharmacology.
- In collaboration with the Reviews and Themed Issues Senior Editor, be responsible for setting a commissioning strategy and plan for the journal.
- Identify and act on opportunities to gather high quality content for the journal, including in new cutting-edge therapeutics, in part through use of the Editor-in-Chief's budget for travel and sponsorship of meetings and symposia.
- Be ultimately responsible for *BJCP*-related ethical issues and queries/concerns from authors, with guidance and support provided by the Publisher and in line with COPE and other relevant guidelines.
- Communicate and engage with the wider *BJCP* Editorial Board to ensure they remain active and engaged and are acting as advocates for the journal.
- Actively engage with developments in academic publishing, including open science.

Advocacy

- Act as an advocate for *BJCP* at selected international meetings.
- Represent the journal through attendance at Society meetings where appropriate, in particular the annual *Pharmacology* meeting, which is held in December.
- Represent the journal through attendance and active participation at key committees and task groups, including the Clinical Committee.
- Promote the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion at the Society and on the journal.

Collaboration

- Work closely and collaboratively with the Society to ensure alignment of strategies and goals, particularly in relation to the development of the discipline, and the broadening of scope in order to reach out to new audiences in pharmacology and therapeutics.
- Establish a collaborative and effective working relationship with the in-house publications staff at the Society and with the Society's publisher.
- Manage all issues related to the effective running of *BJCP*. This is likely to include frequent (day to day) interaction, and face-to-face meetings where necessary.
- Engage with the Society and its publisher on operational matters, including journal finances, and marketing activities for the journal, including virtual issues and marketing at scientific meetings.
- Take overall responsibility for decision-making on articles to include in the press release process for the journal (with support from the Publisher's press team).

The term of office will be for five years, with possible renewal on an annual basis by mutual consent for a further two years. The position is remunerated.

Personal Profile

- An established pharmacologist with an excellent research and publication record.
- Experienced as a journal Editor, with strong critical analysis and appraisal skills, and a good understanding of peer review, publication ethics and scientific publishing.
- Able to lead and run an international editorial team.
- Keen to work with the Society, the Society's Publisher and the Senior Editorial team to innovate and continuously improve the quality of *BJCP*.
- Effective in publicizing and promoting *BJCP*.
- Able to commit regular time to working on the journal alongside existing commitments.
- Ideally expected to be able to travel to the Society's London offices and Publisher's Oxford offices several times a year.
- Membership of the British Pharmacological Society is desirable.

Application and handover

Applications should be addressed to Dr Jeffrey Aronson (British Pharmacological Society Vice President – Publications) and sent to Charles Whalley (charles.whalley@bps.ac.uk) at the Society (along with any other queries regarding the application process). The application should include a CV and statement of up to one A4 side outlining the applicant's vision for *BJCP* and where they would see *BJCP* in five years' time, with particular reference to current changes in scholarly communications.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 17 May 2019**. Interviews will be held at the British Pharmacological Society's offices, in the first and second week of June 2019.

The successful candidate will take over from Professor Cohen as of 1 January 2020. Potential applicants can direct informal queries about the role to Professor Adam Cohen (ac@chdr.nl).

The Editor-in-Chief will receive training on ScholarOne (online submission and peer review system), and full Editorial support will be provided by Wiley. The Editor-in-Chief will be expected to attend handover meetings with the outgoing Editor-in-Chief prior to the start of their term including the December *BJCP* Editorial Board meeting in Edinburgh to be held on the 14th and 15th December 2019.

