

Preprint Community Manager (Life Sciences)

Based in Cambridge, UK

The Company of Biologists is launching a new preprint highlighting service for the biological community. We are building a team of contributors who will identify preprints of interest and write short highlights about them. We are looking for the right person to help us evolve this new service to meet community needs.

Joining an experienced and successful publishing team, this is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated team player to take a step into publishing or for someone already working in publishing to extend their interest in online communities. Offered initially as a three-year appointment, we expect the role to develop in new and interesting ways.

Applicants will have relevant research experience, ideally a PhD in a field relevant to one or more of the Company's journals. They should have a good understanding of the needs of scientists and the growing impact of preprints as well as a demonstrated interest in science communication, for example through social media.

Core responsibilities include:

- maintaining an active team of community contributors
- identifying preprints that could warrant coverage
- providing feedback to the community team on their selections and posts
- smooth running of the preprint highlighting service (a Wordpress site)
- promoting the service and growing an active social media presence
- identifying opportunities that allow us to evolve this community initiative

Essential requirements for the job are excellent communication skills, plus confidence in networking and building relationships. The successful candidate will have a diplomatic style, enthusiasm, judgement and integrity.

This position has an attractive salary and benefits and represents a unique career opportunity within a highly successful not-for-profit publisher. The role is based in our attractive modern offices on the outskirts of Cambridge, UK.

The Company of Biologists (biologists.com) exists to support biologists and inspire advances in biology. At the heart of what we do are our five specialist journals - Development, Journal of Cell Science, Journal of Experimental Biology, Disease Models & Mechanisms and Biology Open - two of them fully open access. All are edited by expert researchers in the field, and all articles are subjected to rigorous peer review. We take great pride in the experience of our editorial team and the quality of the work we publish. We believe that the profits from publishing the hard work of biologists should support scientific discovery and help develop future scientists. Our grants help support societies, meetings and individuals. Our workshops and meetings give the opportunity to network and collaborate.

To apply, please send your CV by email to recruitment@biologists.com along with a covering letter that states your current salary, summarises your relevant experience and explains why you are enthusiastic about this opportunity. You must be able to demonstrate your entitlement to work in the UK.

Applications should be received by 29th January 2018. Late applications may be considered.

