Editorial Administrator, Development  
Based in Cambridge, UK

The Company of Biologists (biologists.com) is looking to recruit an Editorial Administrator to work on Development, a leading primary research journal covering the field of developmental biology.

Reporting to the Executive Editor of Development, you will be responsible for the administration of the journal peer-review system, and are required to ensure that the journal administrative procedures are as efficient as possible and meet the needs of authors, referees and editors.

The main day-to-day tasks will be receipt of manuscripts and progressing them through peer review using the Bench>Press manuscript tracking system. General administration will include providing help and rapid response for Bench>Press users (authors, referees, editors), efficient and rapid record keeping using the database, sending out proofs to authors, ensuring all accepted manuscripts and relevant files are passed on to appropriate departments in a timely manner, filing, archiving and prioritization of workload, together with support and cover for other members of the journal team as required, and dealing with author, referee and editor telephone queries.

The Editorial Administrator will also be expected to contribute to the daily administration of the journal by providing support to the journal team and helping to ensure adequate administrative cover during staff absence/shortages. Provision of support for the Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor and Reviews Editors will also be required, including generation of monthly journal statistics.

Occasional projects may also be available, adding to the diversity of the role, and some cross-title work on the Company’s four other journals will also be expected.

The successful applicant will have previous experience of working in an office environment (ideally in a publishing or scientific environment) and be able to demonstrate experience of working with Microsoft Excel.

Good interpersonal and organisational skills and excellent written and verbal skills are essential. You will also need to demonstrate that you are a good team player and have enthusiasm, judgement and integrity, together with a proactive approach and the willingness and ability to take initiative.

This permanent position represents an excellent opportunity for a competent administrator and offers a competitive salary and benefits. During Covid restrictions, the position will initially be based from home but once we return to the office you will be based in Histon.

The Company of Biologists (www.biologists.com) is a not-for-profit organisation and publishes the three internationally renowned, established journals Journal of Cell Science, Development and Journal of Experimental Biology, as well as the two fully Open Access journals Disease Models & Mechanisms (DMM) and Biology Open (BiO). The organisation has an active programme of charitable giving for the further advancement of biological research, including travelling fellowships for junior scientists and contributions to academic societies and conferences.

Applicants should send a CV along with a covering letter that clearly states their current position and salary expectations, relevant experience and why they are enthusiastic about the post.

Please send applications by email to recruitment@biologists.com.