

Executive Editor for Journal of Cell Science

Based in Cambridge, UK (with hybrid working options)

We invite applications for the role of Executive Editor for Journal of Cell Science, a prestigious journal serving the international cell biology community.

This is an exciting opportunity for a talented scientific editor - you will make a significant contribution to one of the major journals in the field and be joining an experienced and successful team, including Academic Editor-in-Chief Michael Way. Journal of Cell Science publishes primary research articles, reviews and topical comment in cell biology and has relationships with other related journals through peer review / article transfer networks. In line with emerging trends in publishing, Journal of Cell Science is on a journey towards Open Access, having gained Transformative Journal status, and engages closely with preprints and preprint curation. The journal has strong community links, provides support for early-career researchers and reaches out to the microscopy community through its innovative blog, FocalPlane.

You will have a strong knowledge of cell biology, as well as broad knowledge and interest in science and the scientific community generally. You'll have a PhD in cell biology or a related field and also have significant editorial experience - you might already have held an influential editorial role with good contacts in the community and experience handling ethics issues. Prior management or supervisory experience would be an advantage but is not required (training and mentoring will be provided). You will have excellent written and communication skills, a willingness to travel and network, enthusiasm and commitment, plus excellent interpersonal skills.

Your core responsibilities will include:

- Journal development and editorial management in collaboration with the Editor-in-Chief
- Working with the full team of academic editors on journal initiatives
- Management of in-house editorial and administrative team
- Involvement in publishing projects and cross-journal initiatives
- Content leadership, training and support for editorial staff working on the front section of the journal (commissioning, handling peer review and developmental editing)
- Overseeing manuscript submission and supporting editorial decision-making, including ethical issues arising
- Editorial management of the FocalPlane blog
- Working with our Events team on scientific Journal Meetings
- Representation of the journal at international conferences and within the wider scientific and publishing communities
- Creative involvement with marketing activities

You will help us to further shape the role with a shared vision for the journal. This is a senior position, with an attractive salary, and represents a unique career opportunity on a prominent and highly successful journal. The role is based in our attractive modern offices on the outskirts of Cambridge, UK, with at least half of working time being in person at the office currently.

The Company of Biologists is a not-for-profit publishing organisation dedicated to supporting and inspiring the biological community. The Company publishes five specialist peer-reviewed journals: Development, Journal of Cell Science, Journal of Experimental Biology, Disease Models & Mechanisms and Biology Open. 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 community sites provide researchers with opportunities for networking and the sharing of research and related information. Our grants help support societies, meetings and individuals. Our workshops and meetings give the opportunity to network and collaborate. As the Company approaches its centenary in 2025, this is an exciting time to join us as we plan our celebrations.



The Company of Biologists is proud of its inclusive culture and we believe that everyone has a contribution to make. We want all our employees to feel included, valued and appreciated. We believe in equality of opportunity for all staff and encourage applications from all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, ethnicity, age, neurodiversity, disability status and citizenship.

To apply, please send your CV by email to recruitment@biologists.com with a covering letter stating current salary, relevant experience and why you are enthusiastic about this opportunity by 11 July 2022 (later applications may be considered).