

Locum Reviews Editor, Development

Based in Cambridge, UK

We are currently seeking applications from individuals with editorial experience for the role of Reviews Editor at Development. This is a temporary position anticipated to last up to 12 months, starting April 2021.

Joining an experienced and successful team, this is an exciting opportunity to make a significant contribution to one of the major journals in the field of developmental biology. Development publishes primary research articles, reviews and other front section content across the breadth of the developmental biology and stem cell fields.

Applicants will have a PhD in a relevant field (ideally developmental or stem cell biology, but candidates with a research background in related fields will also be considered). Previous editorial experience is essential, ideally including commissioning and handling review-type content. The successful candidate will have excellent literary, communication and interpersonal skills. We are also looking for enthusiasm, commitment and a broad interest in science, the scientific community and publishing.

Core responsibilities:

- Commissioning, handling peer review and developmental editing of material for the front section of the journal
- Representing the journal at international conferences and within the wider scientific community
- Writing press releases, article highlights and material for Development's community website 'the Node'
- Creative involvement in the journal's development

The Reviews Editor will work alongside an experienced in-house team, as well as with our international team of academic editors.

This maternity cover position provides an excellent opportunity to be part of a highly successful life-science journal, and offers an attractive salary and benefits. Full-time and part-time applicants will be considered. The position will be based at The Company of Biologists' attractive modern office on the outskirts of Cambridge. However, all staff are currently working remotely due to the pandemic, and we will consider candidates who wish to work remotely (within the UK) for the duration of the position.

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.

Applicants should send a CV to recruitment@biologists.com, along with a covering letter that summarises their relevant experience, why they are enthusiastic about this opportunity, and their current salary level. Please also include a ~400-word summary of a recent ground-breaking development in the developmental biology or stem cell field and any samples of/links to previous editorial work. Applicants should be eligible to work in the UK and be able to travel internationally.

We will consider applications on a rolling basis so encourage candidates to apply as soon as possible. We anticipate closing applications in early February.

