Managing Editor for the journal Biology Open
Based in Cambridge, UK (with hybrid working options)

Applications are sought for the role of Managing Editor on Biology Open (BiO), an established Open Access journal with a focus on supporting researchers and reducing the pain to publish.

It's an exciting time to join BiO, as our academic Editor-in-Chief, Dan Gorelick, introduces a new strategy for journal development and innovation. And you'll be part of an experienced and successful publishing team, providing you with support and training as you grow in your role. This is a senior position, with an attractive salary, and represents a unique career opportunity at an important not-for-profit publisher.

You'll have a degree in a relevant scientific field, as well as a broad interest in biology and biologists generally. You'll bring significant editorial experience to the role, ideally including working with external academic editors. Supervisory / people management experience would be an advantage but is not required (as training and mentoring will be provided).

A flexible approach is expected as the journal develops along a new, innovative path. You will help us to further shape the role as we develop a shared vision for the journal. Essential requirements are enthusiasm, judgement, excellent interpersonal and communication skills alongside strong time management and organisational abilities.

Core responsibilities include:

- Journal development in collaboration with the Editor-in-Chief and publishing team
- Smooth running of the journal – acting as the key point of contact for editorial and operational issues
- Liaison with external editors and other members of the scientific community
- Supporting responsible policies and practices including those relating to publishing ethics such as papermill detection
- Supervision or management of in-house editorial and administrative staff
- Creative involvement with marketing and science communication activities
- Representation of the journal within scientific and publishing communities
- Involvement in publishing projects and cross-journal initiatives

The role is based in our attractive modern offices on the outskirts of Cambridge, UK, with the option of 50% remote working. This is a full-time role, but part-time applications will be considered. The role will involve some national and international travel.

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 4 September 2023 (later applications may be considered).