

# CALL FOR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: HEALTH ECONOMICS, POLICY AND LAW

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Professor Adam Oliver will shortly be coming to the end of his tenure as Editor-in-Chief of Health Economics, Policy and Law (HEPL). Cambridge University Press is now inviting applications for a new Editor-in-Chief. The deadline for applications is: **30 June 2023**.

*Health Economics, Policy and Law* serves as a forum for scholarship on health and social care policy issues and is relevant to academics, policy makers and practitioners. *HEPL* is international in scope and publishes both theoretical and applied work. Considerable emphasis is placed on rigorous conceptual development and analysis, and on the presentation of empirical evidence that is relevant to the policy process.

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> volume and publishing 4 issues a year, HEPL is an internationally recognised journal in health and social care policy. It has an Impact Factor of 2.516 in the Health Policy and Services JCR category. Cambridge is seeking an Editor-in-Chief to take on responsibility for Health Economics, Policy and Law for an initial term of three years, with the possibility of extension, ensuring the journal continues to shape, reflect and develop this vibrant, interdisciplinary field.

Applicants should have a strong publishing record in health policy or related areas and a broad understanding of the key and emerging themes in the field. Editorial experience, particularly with online submission systems, and an understanding of open access and open research would be an advantage. Applications from individual candidates or for co-editorship are welcome.

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF VACANCY

Working with the support of a Managing Editor, and in collaboration with a team of Associate Editors and the Editorial Board, the Editor-in-Chief's responsibilities will include:

- Shaping the strategic direction of the journal in cooperation with Cambridge
- Editing and proofing articles accepted for publication in the journal
- Overseeing a rigorous and supportive peer review process for submissions (using the ScholarOne system), in accordance with Cambridge's ethical guidelines
- Supporting Associate Editors with complex decisions and responding to authors
- Working with Cambridge Production to ensure issues are published on time
- Growing quality submissions to the journal through commissioning initiatives
- Working with the publisher to recruit Associate Editors and editorial board members
- Leading and engaging the editorial team and the wider board through both email communication and meetings (in person or virtual as appropriate).

The position will commence officially on 1st January 2024 with training and handover beginning in September 2023.

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should apply by **30<sup>th</sup> June** to Hannah Patrick at Cambridge University Press: [hannah.patrick@cambridge.org](mailto:hannah.patrick@cambridge.org). Please include a CV along with a covering letter explaining how you would approach the role (no more than 2 pages) and the names and email addresses of two references.

In your covering letter, please indicate:

- Your experience publishing and researching in this field.
- Previous editorial experience, ideally with an academic journal.
- Strong professional and academic links
- Your proposed strategy for developing HEPL over the next five years; including:
  - o Supporting and attracting diverse, high-quality submissions.
  - o Maximising the contribution of the Editorial Board.
  - o Ensuring academic quality and scholarly impact.
  - o Engaging with developments in scholarly communication and research practice (such as Open Access, publishing ethics and data transparency)

Applicants can expect administrative support through a Managing Editor and a small honorarium for travel related to the journal. It is not essential, but, where possible, please indicate any institutional backing that may be available to support you in this role. The appointment will be for a contract period of three years with the potential to extend.

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The current Editor in Chief or the Publisher would be happy to receive informal enquiries about the nature of the role. If you have any questions, please contact:

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