

**Vacancy: Editor-in-Chief, *British Journal of Ophthalmology***

BMJ is looking for the next Editor-in-Chief who can continue to shape the *British Journal of Ophthalmology* (BJO) as a leading international publication, improving knowledge and practice in ophthalmology and vision science, while maintaining the highest possible standards of originality and excellence.

The ideal candidate will be a respected clinician–researcher with demonstrable editorial experience and a strong vision that advances the journal’s international reputation and profile, and mission to publish engaging and informed content. They will appoint and lead the editorial team, actively promoting and strengthening the journal and upholding the highest standards concerning editorial policies and professional practice. They will recognise the need to engage the journal’s audiences at all levels, develop its print and online content and extend its reach.

**About BJO**

BJO ([bjournal.bmj.com](http://bjournal.bmj.com)) has been published by BMJ since 1917. With an impact factor of 3.615 it is one of the most highly cited and widely read journals in its field (ranked no. 10 in Web of Science/Journal Citation Reports). It publishes cutting-edge research (both laboratory and clinical science) and review papers for the global ophthalmology and vision science community. The journal receives over 1800 submissions per year and has a mean time from submission to first editorial decision of 19 days

**About the role**

The Editor-in-Chief will have final responsibility for the editorial content and strategy of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ publishing staff. The successful candidate should have stature in the field of ophthalmology, a distinguished publication record, and experience of working in a senior editorial role for an academic journal. The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of up to one day per week on journal activities.

The main responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include, but are not limited to:

- Providing the highest possible quality of scientific content to augment the knowledge, impact and practice of clinicians involved in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent scientific strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial board and reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process and providing guidance to authors, reviewers and editorial team members as appropriate
- Developing procedures for effective triage and review of scientific manuscripts to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers

- Adding value to the journal by commissioning editorials, reviews, educational material and online content
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Working collaboratively with the editor of the open access companion journal, *BMJ Open Ophthalmology*, and facilitating manuscript transfers between other BMJ journals
- Developing the social media strategy for the title

As Editor-in-Chief you will benefit from the following:

- Competitive annual honorarium
- Full training and support, including attendance at a renowned medical editors' course in Oxford, UK
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Membership of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Attendance at the annual networking Editors' Retreat hosted by BMJ in London
- Free subscription to *BJO* and exclusive access to BMJ content, including *The BMJ* and BMJ Learning
- Interaction with the latest research from around the world
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty

Applicants need not be based in the UK and international applicants are encouraged. An excellent standard of written English will be required.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is 5 years. To ensure a smooth transition it is envisaged that the new Editor-in-Chief will work alongside the current team for several months before taking up the post fully on 1st April 2021.

## How to apply

Please send a full CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and your vision for the future of *BJO*. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide a detailed analysis of the journal. For more details of the role, or to apply, please email Henry Spilberg, Associate Publisher, BMJ Journals ([hspilberg@bmj.com](mailto:hspilberg@bmj.com)). Candidates wishing to speak to one of the current joint Editors-in-Chief before making an application may approach Prof Jonas, Dr Chodosh or Mr Barton in confidence (contact details provided on request).

The deadline for applications is **18 May 2020**. Interviews will be held in June/July 2020 at BMA House in central London or via videoconference.

## About BMJ

BMJ ([bmj.com/company](https://www.bmj.com/company)) is a global healthcare knowledge provider with a vision for a healthier world. We share knowledge and expertise to improve healthcare outcomes. You may know us as the publisher of one of the world's most cited general medical journals, *The BMJ*. We also publish over 70 specialty journals, many of which are the most influential titles in their field. We also offer digital professional development courses and clinical decision support tools to help medical institutions and clinicians tackle today's most critical healthcare challenges.