

The role:

Editor(s)-in-Chief of *British Journal of Sports Medicine (BJSM)*

BMJ and BASEM seek an Editor-in-Chief that understands the impact that a high quality scholarly journal can have on improving knowledge and practice in sport and exercise medicine. The successful candidate will recognise the need to engage the journal's audiences at all levels, develop its print and online content, and extend its reach. They will establish a vision for the role that continues the momentum created by the current editorial team, advances the journal's international reputation and profile, and publishes engaging and informed content through our multimedia portal.

The application should include your CV, a letter explaining your interest in and experience relevant to the post, your views of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the journal (a basic analysis of the journal and its competitors), and an outline of what your editorial policy and vision might be.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Claire Langford, Associate Publisher, at clangford@bmj.com. The deadline is Friday 1st May 2020.

Interviews will be held in central London, UK, or via videoconference.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is 5 years. It is envisaged that the outgoing Editor-in-Chief will gradually hand over responsibility for running the journal from summer 2020, with the successful candidate officially taking up the post from 1st January 2021.

About *BJSM*

BJSM (bjsm.bmj.com) is a multimedia portal that provides original research, reviews and debate relating to clinically-relevant aspects of sport and exercise medicine, including physiotherapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation. We contribute to innovation (research), education (teaching and learning) and knowledge translation (implementing research into practice and policy). Our web, print, video and audio material, combined with active social media, serves the international community of clinicians who treat active people.

BJSM's web, print, video and audio material serves the international sport and exercise medicine community which includes 25 clinical societies who have over 13,000 members.

With an Impact Factor of 11.645, *BJSM* is the leading title in its field and is ranked No. 1 in the WoS Sports Sciences category .

Editions: The IOC Medical and Scientific Commission are responsible for the editing of four issues of the *BJSM* each year. These focus on injury prevention from elite sports to the recreational level, and are the official scientific forum of the IOC for the publication of medical research

conducted at the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games, and as a result of IOC consensus meetings and projects conducted at the IOC Research Centres.

The journal is jointly owned by BMJ and the British Association of Sports & Exercise Medicine (BASEM).

Being an Editor

The Editor-in-Chief will report to BMJ and BASEM but have final responsibility for the editorial content and strategy of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team and the publishing team.

This individual should have stature in the field of sport and exercise medicine, a distinguished publication record, and experience of working in an editorial role for an academic journal.

The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of up to one working day in total each week on journal-related activities, although the time commitment is flexible depending on the candidate(s).

Joint applications will be considered from two or more individuals willing to act as a team to focus on the professional and academic aspects of the journal. Applicants need not be based in the UK and international applicants (or joint applicants based in different countries) are encouraged. A good standard of written English will be required.

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, and seeking opportunities to publish themed issues and supplements
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Building and maintaining collaborative relationships with BASEM and other member society organisations to enhance the journal's visibility and ensure it meets the needs of the readership
- Developing the social media strategy for the title

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

- Annual honorarium
- Attendance at the Medical Editors' training course in Oxford, UK
- Annual networking Editors' Seminar and Retreat at BMA House
- Free subscription to BJSM for you and your Editorial Team
- Training and support from the BMJ publishing team
- The chance to shape the field, play a role in the development of the specialty, and gain an insight into the latest research from scientists worldwide
- The opportunity to raise your profile internationally

About BMJ

BMJ (bmj.com/company) advances healthcare worldwide by sharing knowledge and expertise to improve experiences and outcomes. Along with our renowned flagship title, *The BMJ*, we also offer over 80 specialty journals and a world leading collection of digital professional development resources. Our unique digital tools help healthcare professionals support decisions and improve the quality of delivery.

About BASEM

BASEM (basem.co.uk) was founded in 1952 and is the largest multidisciplinary sports medicine organisation in the UK, offering full membership to medical practitioners and allied professionals such as physiotherapists and sports scientists.