

## The role:

### Editor(s)-in-Chief of BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine (BMJ Open SEM)

BMJ and BASEM seek an Editor-in-Chief for its gold open access journal in sport and exercise medicine. The successful candidate will recognise the need to engage the journal's audiences at all levels and extend its reach. They will establish a vision for the journal that continues the momentum created by the current editorial team and advances the journal's international reputation and profile.

Specialists in any branch of sports medicine are welcome to apply. Joint applications from two or more individuals willing to work together as a team will be considered. Applicants should have a medical degree (MBBS, MD or equivalent); the successful candidate will also have an established record as a researcher and significant editorial experience in medical publishing. The ideal candidate(s) will have a commitment to academic excellence and will maintain a very high level of peer review and represent the scientific and international reputation of BMJ and BASEM.

Full editorial support and training will be provided. The Editor should expect to spend up to a day in total each week on journal-related activities. The successful applicant(s) will be free to select his/her own team of Associate Editors and editorial board members.

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 October 2020, with the successful candidate officially taking up the post from 1st January 2021.

The application should include your CV, a letter explaining your interest in and experience relevant to the post, and an outline of what your editorial policy and vision might be, including how you will differentiate this journal from competitor titles in the field.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Claire Langford, Associate Publisher, at [clangford@bmj.com](mailto:clangford@bmj.com). The deadline is Tuesday 1st September 2020.

Interviews will be held via videoconference.

Applicants are welcome to discuss the role with the outgoing Editor-in-Chief; please contact Mrs Claire Langford for details.

### About *BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine*

BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine is an open access journal covering all aspects of sport and exercise medicine as well as associated areas such as physical activity for chronic disease prevention. The journal covers a broad array of approaches and themes, from physiology and athlete return to play, to epidemiology, injury prevention, and measurement development and evaluation. We aim to publish original research, reviews (in particular systematic reviews) and

study protocols considered to be coherent and technically sound, ensuring that the latest research is reviewed and disseminated rapidly to a global audience.

BMJ Open Sport & Exercise Medicine adheres to the highest possible industry standards concerning publication ethics. The title is an official journal of the British Society of Sport and Exercise Medicine (BASEM) and a sister journal to the British Journal of Sports Medicine (BJSM).

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
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- 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 or online
- 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](http://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](http://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.