

Geophysical Journal International



Editor-in-Chief, *Geophysical Journal International* Job Description

Journal Information

Owner: Royal Astronomical Society (RAS) and Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft (DGG)

Publisher: Oxford University Press (OUP)

Format: online and in print, moving to Open Access and online-only from 1 January 2024

Frequency: 4 volumes are published per year, with 3 issues per volume. Articles are published immediately on acceptance in Advanced Access.

Submissions: approximately 1,095 in 2022 with 518 acceptances. Time to first decision is currently 57 days.

Editorial structure: the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) is supported by a Deputy EiC and an editorial board of 32 members. The Editorial Board is appointed in consultation with the RAS. The journal is supported by the RAS Publishing Managers and two full-time dedicated Assistant Editors.

Metrics: Impact Factor (2022) = 2.8; CiteScore (2022) = 5.9; downloads (2022) = 1.7 million

Peer review: single anonymous peer review

Journal Scope

Geophysical Journal International (GJI) is one of the world's leading peer-reviewed research journals in solid-Earth geophysics, publishing the results of research on the Earth's internal structure, physical properties, evolution and processes covering all aspects of theoretical, computational and observational geophysics.

Subjects covered include: Data Notes; General Geophysical Methods; Geodynamics and tectonics; Geomagnetism and Electromagnetism; Gravity, geodesy and tides; Heat flow and volcanology; Applied and marine geophysics; Rock and mineral physics, rheology; Seismology

Instructions to authors: https://academic.oup.com/gji/pages/General_Instructions

Journal submission site: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gji>

Role Description

The main duties of the *GJI* Editor-in-Chief are:

- To provide editorial leadership and oversight of the journal, in close collaboration with the Publishing Managers, retaining its status as one of the leading academic research journals in solid-Earth geophysics
- To articulate and implement an editorial vision and strategy for the journal that is relevant to current developments in academic geophysics research and enhances the position of the journal in the field
- To maintain regular communication with the Editorial Board about submissions, standards and support for the journal's development, specifically
 - To oversee the general conduct of the peer review process and ensure a rapid and efficient review of all submitted papers
 - To ensure manuscripts accepted are original, high-quality and scientifically sound
- To make periodic assessments of the Editorial Board's constitution to maintain sub-specialty expertise covering the breadth of the journal's scope and to recruit high-profile international board members when positions become vacant
- To commission special issues for the journal with input from the editorial team
- To chair the editorial board meetings, approving minutes and agendas, assisting with action points, and implementation with support from the RAS
- To attend RAS and OUP strategy and planning meetings, and reporting to the RAS Publications Management Committee
- To ensure that the journal adheres to the best practice guidelines for publication ethics, dealing with ethical issues, such as allegations of misconduct, and act as final arbiter in disputes
- To advise on journal, editorial and publications policy with the support of the RAS and OUP
- To manage the peer review of approximately 45 submissions annually in field of expertise

Editorial Integrity

The EiC will act professionally, without prejudice or conflict of interest, and will not allow their editorial judgment to be influenced by political, commercial and other considerations that are beyond the scope of each scientific paper.

During the term of the appointment the EiC should not act as an editor for a competitor journal.

The EiC will not disclose confidential information unless authorized by the source of that information, or there are allegations of misconduct that require access to that confidential information for proper investigation, or the EiC is required by law to disclose that information.

The Journal is a member of the Committee for Publication Ethics (COPE) and investigations of ethical issues follow COPE guidelines and workflows.

EiC Term and remuneration

The EiC will serve an initial term of five (5) years, starting on 1 March 2024 and ending on 30 April, 2028 with the possibility of an additional 5-year term subject to mutual agreement between parties.

The EiC receives an annual honorarium plus expenses. These are set annually by the RAS Treasurer.

Person Specification

The position of EiC requires the following skills, knowledge and experience:

- An excellent international scientific track record in solid-Earth geophysics and its underlying sciences, with a strong record of publication
- Wide interests and knowledge across a range of research
- Substantial and recent experience in managing or conducting research of international quality
- Proven leadership skills with the ability to work collaboratively with individuals and stakeholders
- Significant, successful editorial experience
- Astute editorial judgment and a track record in the evaluation of research publication
- An excellent international network amongst researchers
- Strong written communication and interpersonal skills in English
- Excellent organisational skills, including an ability to work to tight deadlines and manage multiple competing priorities

The Royal Astronomical Society is committed to equal opportunities and will appoint to this role on the basis of the most suitably qualified person, regardless of ethnic or national origin, race, gender, gender reassignment, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religious or political beliefs, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, or family circumstances.