

Journal of Social Work

Call for applications for Editor

Sage is seeking an Editor/Editors to lead the *Journal of Social Work* editorial team from January 2027.

The *Journal of Social Work* is a forum for the publication, dissemination and debate of key ideas and research in social work. The journal aims to advance theoretical understanding, shape policy, and inform practice, and welcomes submissions from all areas of social work.

Journal issues are fully accessible online at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/loi/JSW>

General responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include:

- Overseeing the peer review of scholarly submissions via the ScholarOne manuscript submission system – including:
 - Assessing papers at submission for quality, use of language, and scope, and desk rejecting where appropriate
 - Inviting reviewers from their networks, where appropriate, or further afield
 - Making final decisions on the acceptance or rejection of articles submitted to the journal via the online submission system. In all cases the Editor-in-Chief's decision on a paper will be final
- Determining the content of the journal, including commissioning of key papers and special (guest edited) collections
- Ensuring that publication processes and deadlines are met
- Working with the Editorial team/Editorial Board to commission Special Issues
- Dealing with all author appeals regarding decisions

Essential Requirements

- A higher degree in a relevant discipline
- At least 5 years of experience in the field (as a professional or as an academic).
- International professional and/or academic links to scholars and practitioners.
- Experience of writing to a publishable standard in peer-reviewed outlets.
- Ability to work under pressure and manage responsibilities.
- Good organisational abilities.

Advantageous Requirements

- Experience in editing and publishing;
- Experience of using ScholarOne Manuscripts, either as author or editor;

Sage invites expressions of interest by the **1st June 2026**.

Sage is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and particularly encourages applications from under-represented groups.

An editorial remuneration is offered.

To apply, please send a CV and cover email, which includes your vision for the future of the journal. Outline any experience that you have which supports your application. Please send this into Zahra Ahmed, Zahra.Ahmed@sagepub.co.uk

Group applications are welcome and should be submitted as one.