

OA Editor-in-Chief – *Therapeutic Advances in Rare Disease*

Sage Publishing is inviting applications for the role of Editor-in-Chief of [Therapeutic Advances in Rare Disease](#) a peer-reviewed, open access journal that publishes high-quality research on the diagnosis and medical treatment of rare diseases and orphan drugs. The journal has a strong research and clinical focus and is aimed at clinicians, researchers in both academia and healthcare industries, as well as manufacturers through to policy-makers, providing an online forum for publishing the highest quality articles in this area. The journal serves as a platform for advancing scholarship, fostering collaboration, and amplifying emerging trends in the discipline.

As Editor-in-Chief, you will lead the journal's editorial strategy and operations, working in close collaboration with Sage and the Editorial Board to maintain high standards of academic quality, integrity, and impact.

THERAPEUTIC ADVANCES in
Rare Disease



Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic and academic leadership for the journal
- Oversee the peer review process and make timely, ethical editorial decisions
- Ensure all published content meets high standards of scholarly rigor, transparency, and inclusivity
- Uphold research integrity and handle potential ethical issues in accordance with COPE guidelines and Sage policies
- Use online editorial systems (e.g., ScholarOne Manuscripts) to manage submissions and peer review efficiently
- Recruit and mentor a diverse and engaged editorial team
- Commission high-quality content and lead initiatives that promote the journal's visibility, reputation, and growth
- Represent the journal at academic conferences, within the research community, and on other professional platforms

What We're Looking For

We're looking for a thoughtful, collaborative leader with a strong commitment to scholarly excellence, research integrity, and inclusive practices. While no single candidate will meet every qualification below, successful Editors typically bring a mix of the following:

- Subject matter expertise in the journal's field, demonstrated through a strong publication record or professional reputation
- Previous editorial experience (e.g., as an Editor, Associate Editor, Section Editor, or Editorial Board member)
- A clear understanding of peer review and ethical publishing practices
- A commitment to building an engaged, diverse editorial team and community
- Interest in growing the journal's visibility, impact, and author engagement
- Comfort working with online submission systems and collaborative tools
- Familiarity with the goals and values of open access publishing, or openness to learning

If you're enthusiastic about the journal's mission and excited by the opportunity to shape its next chapter, we encourage you to apply—even if your experience doesn't align perfectly with every bullet above.

Benefits of Serving as an Editor with Sage

Serving as Editor-in-Chief of a Sage journal is both a prestigious leadership opportunity and a meaningful act of scholarly service. In addition to a range of professional, academic, and community-oriented benefits, Editors receive:

Recognition and Resources

- **Annual Stipend** – Provided in recognition of your time, expertise, and leadership
- **APC Waivers and Discounts** – Editors are eligible for a number of article processing charge (APC) waivers and discount tokens each year. These may be used to encourage high-quality contributions from respected researchers in your field

Professional and Academic Advantages

- **Increased Visibility** – Enhance your profile as a recognizable figure in your field through journal leadership, editorial commentary, and engagement at conferences
- **Strategic Influence** – Help shape the direction of the journal and your field by curating important conversations, commissioning high-impact research, and setting quality standards

- **Early Access to Emerging Research** – Stay ahead of trends and developments by engaging with cutting-edge submissions—often sparking new ideas for your own research
- **Institutional Recognition** – Editorial service is highly regarded in tenure and promotion decisions, often seen as a sign of disciplinary leadership and scholarly impact
- **Mentorship Opportunities** – Build and mentor an engaged editorial team and board, fostering the next generation of leaders in your field
- **Community-Building** – Develop a dynamic and diverse Editorial Board that reflects your vision, creating a collaborative, professional network of trusted peers

Broader Impact

- **Advance the Field** – Guide and influence the research conversation, helping to surface the best science your community has to offer
- **Support Research Quality and Integrity** – Uphold ethical peer review standards and contribute to the rigor and transparency of scholarly publishing
- **Potential for Policy Influence** – Lead thematic issues or initiatives that shift discourse and impact thinking within the discipline and beyond

Why Work with Sage?

As an independent academic publisher, Sage partners closely with its Editors to support their success. You will receive:

- Personalized, dedicated support from a Sage Publishing Editor
- Flexibility and autonomy to guide your editorial vision
- A shared commitment to advancing equity, openness, and academic excellence in publishing

Sage is a values-driven company that puts Editors, researchers, and communities first. We are excited to partner with leaders who want to make a difference.

Term and Support

This is a three-year renewable position. The Editor-in-Chief will receive an annual stipend and work in close partnership with a dedicated Publishing Editor at Sage to help shape the journal's strategic direction, operations, and growth.

To Apply

Please submit the following materials:

- A letter of application outlining your vision for the journal and your qualifications for the role
- A current CV

Applications and nominations should be sent electronically to Zoe Gooden
(zoe.gooden@sagepub.co.uk)

Please include “[*Journal Name*] – Editor-in-Chief Application” in the subject line.

Application deadline: 31st of July 2026

We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and career paths. If you’re unsure whether this role is the right fit, feel free to reach out with questions or to express interest.