

British Journal of Nutrition First Editor Job Advert

Introduction

The *British Journal of Nutrition* is an international peer-reviewed journal that publishes original papers and review articles across the full spectrum of nutritional science. The focus of the journal is to increase knowledge in nutritional science relevant to human or animal nutrition. The *BJN* welcomes manuscripts that report studies in nutritional epidemiology, nutritional requirements, metabolic studies, body composition, energetics, appetite and obesity. Manuscripts that address interactions of nutrition with endocrinology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, molecular and cell biology, neuroscience and physiology and that report outcomes relevant to health, behaviour and well-being are also within scope.

The Role

First Editors are responsible for assessing the suitability of manuscripts assigned to you, including the technical and intellectual content, and for selecting lists of 15 -20 suitable reviewers in a timely manner for invitation by the editorial office. We aim to provide a rapid response to authors while maintaining the high standards of rigour and fairness that are characteristic of the *BJN*.

We welcome applications from all individuals, however we are hoping to recruit individuals with the following expertise:

- Pregnancy, early life nutrition and infant nutrition
- Malnutrition in public health
- Malnutrition in illness/hospital settings
- Behavioural nutrition
- Public health in developing countries
- Food policy and health
- Ultra processed foods
- Gut
- Inflammation/inflammatory conditions
- Small animal/ rodent models
- Epidemiology and population-based cross sectional studies
- Machine learning/ AI

The workload will vary from one month to the next. Typically, a First Editor can expect to receive no more than eight new manuscripts per month during busy times and we aim for First Editors to have no more than 4 current tasks at a time. We understand that First Editors have

their own workload and other demands on their time so the number of manuscripts assigned can be limited as needed, and we can hold off on assigning any new manuscripts during particularly busy times or when you are otherwise on leave.

You will be responsible for:

- adhering to the publication policies and procedures of the BJN
- Initially evaluating whether submissions are of an appropriate quality for peer review.
- proposing referees by deploying the journal's online database, your own contacts, and those suggested by the author.
- providing a report and recommendation for the Deputy Editor (which may be brief or extensive, as appropriate) based on the referees' comments and your own perspective.
- Writing a full review when a manuscript has not been reviewed thoroughly. You may also be required write a full review if there is only one adequate Referee report, or there are no suitable Referee reports.
- promoting the *BJN* at conferences and meetings, and through your networks.
- suggesting and reviewing special issues.
- attending the annual Editorial Board meetings.

Editorial support

All aspects of the review process are managed online through the ScholarOne Manuscripts system.

The Editorial Office at Cambridge University Press will provide you with a briefing document of our procedures and, of course, will be very happy to help you with any questions you might have about our processes. The normal tenure on the Board is three years and can be renewed annually thereafter by mutual agreement for up to a further three years.

All members of the Editorial Board receive free membership to the Nutrition Society. Membership includes free access to all of the journals, a 25% APC discount for publication in the Nutrition Society's gold Open Access journals (if you're not already covered by one of Cambridge University Press' Transformative Agreements) and discounts on the Nutrition Society's conferences and events.

Person requirements

- You should have extensive publications experience having been a corresponding / submitting author on at least 10 occasions.
- Have a track record of peer review.



- Have excellent communication skills and an ability to work effectively to tight timelines.

To apply for the role you can access the application form here: [BJN First Editor application form](#)

Deadline: 30th November 2026