The British Society of Criminology seeks a
NEW EDITOR/EDITORIAL TEAM
For
Criminology & Criminal Justice
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Invitation to tender

The British Society of Criminology is seeking expressions of interest in becoming the next Editors for our journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice* to serve for a period of five years (with an option to extend for a further 12-24 months) beginning **September 2020** - for there to be a smooth handover from the current Editorial Team at the universities of Strathclyde, Glasgow and Stirling whose editorial duties conclude at the end of December 2020.

The Journal, published jointly with SAGE, has five issues per year. The new Journal and Book Review Editors will be responsible for all five issues of the Journal. The journal is committed to an efficient, timely and rigorous peer review process and seeks to maintain a turn-around time from article submission to authors being notified of the editorial decision to an average of less than 8 weeks. We anticipate inclusion of one Special Issue per year to be edited by experts in their field, outside the Editorial Team. The Special Issues will be managed by the Editorial Team and will be subject to the same rigorous peer review process as the rest of our Journal. We expect that these issues will reflect the international flavour of the Journal.
The journal also contains an occasional Debate and Dialogue type section with opportunities also to hold events.

Consequently, the BSC seeks a new Editor/Editorial Team to work on behalf of the Society and with colleagues at SAGE to produce the Journal. This work includes coordinating the manuscript review process, organising and managing the book reviews section and communicating with authors and SAGE staff. The Journal is international in scope and arrangements will need to be made for continuing to secure and review contributions from continental Europe, North America and the rest of the world. It is possible that the International editorial advisory board will also need to be reviewed (this latter task will need to be undertaken by the new Editors jointly with the BSC Executive).

Editing a Journal places a considerable administrative burden on any team and applicants are encouraged to consider provision for this within their bid.

Full details of the Journal, its aims and scope, tables of contents and its current editorial board can be found at: [http://crj.sagepub.com/](http://crj.sagepub.com/)

Tenders are sought for an Editor/Editors and Book Review Editor(s). Such applications may be made separately or as a joint application:

- Applicants must be members of the BSC.
- Applications by small groups of BSC members are encouraged. These may be single or multi-institutional applications.
- The Society reserves the right to contact nominees for further discussion.

Applications, in Word format, should be submitted by email to Charlotte Harris (BSC Executive Director) (charlotte.harris@britsoccrim.org) copied to the BSC office (info@britsoccrim.org) by 3rd February 2020 and should include each of the following:
1. A two-page (maximum) summary CV to state BSC membership number and covering research, teaching and publishing, especially editorial experience, for each person included in the application.

2. An outline (maximum 10 pages of A4) of the proposed editorial approach to be taken. This might include, but is not limited to:

   a. The editorial team’s vision for the journal
   b. The structure and division of labour of the editorial team
   c. Indications of how the team will ensure timely peer-review of papers and manage the online and print publication process in conjunction with the Sage production staff
   d. The approach to managing and stimulating submissions nationally and internationally and fostering inter-disciplinary articles
   e. The approach to securing Special Issue editors and managing the timetabling/review process
   f. The approach to securing high quality Debate and Dialogue contributions
   g. The approach to generating citations/commissioning work from highly-cited authors in the field
   h. Arrangements for receipt of papers from outside the UK
   i. Any institutional support that applicants can bring to the task
   j. We would also request that prospective editors outline their position regarding open access and the provisions of Plan S
   k. How the team envisage using the international editorial advisory board to help them fulfil their aims for the journal.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of the experience they bring to the tasks, and the editorial approach outlined in the submission. A preferred bidder will be identified by the BSC Executive Committee by the end of March 2020. This will be followed by a meeting with the preferred bidder after which a final decision will be made. There will be some financial support available from the BSC for this editorial function, with the precise amount to be agreed between the Society and the Editor/Editorial Team.