

## Frontline Gastroenterology: call for Editor-in-Chief

BMJ and British Society of Gastroenterology seek the next editor-in-chief of *Frontline Gastroenterology*.

*Frontline Gastroenterology* is a companion journal to *Gut* and *BMJ Open Gastroenterology* and is published by BMJ in partnership with BSG. Launched in 2010 it has established itself as a valuable resource for clinicians and allied health professionals, with a focus on education and innovative best practice across all areas of gastroenterology and hepatology, including endoscopy, clinical nutrition and paediatric gastroenterology and related areas. It is indexed in Web of Science, Scopus and PubMed Central, has an impact factor of 2.6 (JCR 2022) and a Citescore of 4.8 (Scopus 2022).

The ideal candidate will be a respected clinician–researcher with editorial experience and a strong vision to advance the journal’s reach, impact and influence internationally. You will appoint and lead the editorial team, actively promoting and strengthening the journal while upholding the highest standards of editorial and professional practice.

## About the role

The editor-in-chief has overall responsibility for the content and editorial strategy of the journal, in line with the business plan, with support from their editorial team and BMJ publishing staff. The successful candidate should have stature in the field of gastroenterology and a distinguished publication record, as well as experience of working in a senior editorial role on an academic journal. The time commitment will depend on the structure of the editorial team but the editor-in-chief should expect to spend up to the equivalent of one day per week on journal activities.

The main responsibilities of the editor-in-chief include, but are not limited to:

- Providing high-quality scientific content to augment the knowledge and practice of clinicians in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial board and reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process and providing guidance to authors, reviewers and editorial team members as appropriate
- Developing procedures for effective review of scientific manuscripts to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers
- Adding value to the journal by commissioning editorials, reviews and online content
- Supervising responses to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Overseeing the social media strategy for the journal

- Working collaboratively with the Editors of *Gut*, *BMJ Open Gastroenterology* and other BMJ journals to develop content and optimise article transfers

As editor-in-chief you will benefit from:

- Annual honorarium
- Training and support from BMJ
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Membership of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
- Attendance at the annual BMJ Editors Seminar in London
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty

We welcome applications from all interested parties and nominations of qualified candidates. International and joint applications are encouraged.

The editorship is an independent contractor position and the initial term of office is five years, starting summer 2024.

## How to apply

Send a full CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Please include the following information:

1. Assessment of the journal's current standing: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
2. Vision for the future of the journal under your editorship
3. How you intend to attract high-quality research and non-research articles
4. Strategy to ensure a diverse editorial team and an inclusive approach to submissions, authorship, methods, and specialty representation
5. Details of previous editorial experience

Please direct any questions or applications to Henry Spilberg, Senior Publisher ([hspilberg@bmj.com](mailto:hspilberg@bmj.com)), with the subject line 'FG Editorship'. The deadline for applications is **10 May 2024**. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in May 2024.

## About BMJ

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## About BSG

The British Society of Gastroenterology ([www.bsg.org.uk](http://www.bsg.org.uk)) is an organisation focused on the promotion of gastroenterology and hepatology within the United Kingdom. It has over three thousand members drawn from the ranks of physicians, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, scientists, nurses, dietitians, and others interested in the field. Founded in 1937 it has grown from a club to be a major force in British medicine, with representation within the British Royal Colleges and consequently the Department of Health and Government. Internationally it is represented at World and European level. The BSG is a registered charity.