

Executive Editor, *Life Science Alliance*

The Executive Editor will be located and employed by one of the three partners who jointly publish the journal *Life Science Alliance* (LSA). The candidate can indicate a preference for their preferred location. Conditions will vary depending on location.

Location: Heidelberg (Germany) OR New York City (USA)

Employer: EMBO Press Innovations gGmbH in Heidelberg (EPI) OR Rockefeller University Press OR Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press in New York.

Closing date: 1 June 2020

Job description

The Executive Editor oversees manuscripts to exclusively published in the scientific journal *Life Science Alliance* (LSA), published open access since 2018 by LSA-LLC, which is owned jointly by EMBO Press Innovations, Rockefeller University Press and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press*. LSA is committed to rapid, fair, and transparent publication of valuable research from across all areas in the life sciences and just published its 300th paper. The journal publishes direct submission and it is integrated into an innovative transfer network with the other scientific journal of the partner organizations.

The Executive Editor has a diverse set of responsibilities towards ensuring that LSA publishes peer-reviewed material of the highest quality aligned with the editorial principles of the journal. The Executive Editor's reports will be defined based on the employer chosen

The Executive Editor is responsible for:

- selecting research papers for publication in LSA in accordance for the editorial standards and the editorial scope set for LSA in consultation with the academic editors and LSA-LLC directors. The Executive Editor selects research papers by applying high-level, objective scientific assessment. The Executive Editor selects research papers by consulting with the editors of partner journals, by selecting, where appropriate, expert referees, by interpreting referee reports from LSA or partner journals, as well as author responses, in an objective, rigorous manner and, where indicated, in consultation with the senior academic editors and members of the editorial advisory board of LSA.
- Line management of the editorial assistant of LSA, mentorship of scientific editors at LSA.
- interacting with the authors of research papers, referees and academic editors in a professional, dispassionate manner.
- ensuring the editorial and production process is optimized and efficient at all times
- coordinating the editorial policies of LSA and ensuring they are aligned with the policies of the LSA-LLC partners.
- the design and functionality of the LSA website and the manuscript transfer and consultation mechanism in coordination with the directors of LSA-LLC.
- coordinating marketing activities with the marketing executives assigned to LSA. This includes involvement in publicity and social media activities.
- acquiring and presenting data on the performance of LSA in regular reports to the LSA-LLC directors
- updating the academic editors of LSA and the editorial advisory board on journal performance.
- Updating the editorial advisory board membership in consultation with the academic editors
- interacting with the editorial staff of all partner journals to ensure they are informed of LSA editorial criteria and processes and offer manuscripts to LSA for potential transfer.
- interacting with the global research community to ensure LSA publishes a sufficient number of research papers that conform to its editorial standards and to ensure LSA has access to an expert referee pool. This involves attendance of conferences and visits to research institutions to represent LSA in accordance with the travel budget.
- regular interaction with the journal production and marketing teams
- the transfer of manuscripts that meet LSA editorial criteria and policies for production and publication and for coordinating, writing and issuing summaries, press releases and other publicity on these articles to ensure their visibility to the global research community is maximized.
- the delivery of talks and training programmes related to scientific publishing as appropriate.
- involvement in the strategic development of LSA in consultation with the LSA-LLC directors.

Job requirements

A PhD and notable research achievements in one or more relevant topics within the editorial scope of LSA (see <https://www.life-science-alliance.org/collection>); Postdoctoral or principal investigator experience is encouraged. At least three years of editorial experience at a scientific journal are required; previous managerial experience is preferred.

Excellent communication and writing skills.

Additional information

The EMBO Press Innovations offices are located on the international EMBL life science research campus in Heidelberg, Germany. Heidelberg, home to around 150,000 people, is a lively university city. EMBO Press Innovations is an inclusive, equal opportunity employer offering attractive conditions and benefits appropriate to an international science organisation. As a non-profit organisation, we have an informal and collegial working environment that is inspired by our dedication to working for a common greater good.

Application:

Please send your application, consisting of a cover letter and your CV, to contact@embopressinnovations.onmicrosoft.com.

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