Political Psychology Seeks New Editors

The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) invites proposals from individuals or teams to succeed the current editorial team for the journal, *Political Psychology*. The journal currently receives approximately 450 to 500 original submissions per year. It is edited by an international and multi-institutional team of 15 editors (editors-in-chief, co-editors, and associate editors). The editors work closely with the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, to ensure timely submissions, report annually to the ISPP Governing Council and submit an annual budget that is consistent with their Memorandum of Understanding and ISPP’s budgeting procedures. The new editors will assume a five-year term from February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2030, and begin the six-month transition on July 31, 2024. ISPP seeks prospective candidates who have a proven record of scholarship and demonstrated leadership in the field of political psychology, and have the capacity and judgment to carry out the varied editorial roles. Teams with members from multiple institutions, as well as teams from within the same institution, are encouraged to apply. Moreover, to ensure an editorial team with a breadth of views, interests, and expertise, proposals featuring chief editors drawn from multiple disciplines (e.g., political science and psychology) will be strongly favored.

Proposals from the prospective editorial team should provide a multidisciplinary vision for the future of *Political Psychology*, its intellectual support of the ISPP membership, and international research on political psychology in general. Proposals of no more than 6,000 words should include a statement of the goals and rationale for editing the journal, the prospective editor(s)’s plans to lead the journal over the next 5-year term, ideas for special issues, forums, debates, securing timely reviews, innovative ways to disseminate the journal’s content, and strategies to increase Political Psychology’s scholarly impact. The proposal should include plans for increasing the number of submissions and published articles. In addition, the proposal should include a description of the proposed editorial team, and explain how this group will ensure diversity of disciplinary and intellectual perspectives in the field as well as geographic diversity (in regard to editors and editorial board, authors, and journal content), be inclusive of the multitude of theoretical and methodological approaches, maintain the quality of scholarship, and support representation of emerging content, topics and methodological approaches. The proposal should also contain an editorial operations strategy (e.g., dispute mediation). Supporting documentation should include letters of institutional support, CVs of the editorial team, and a proposed budget.

Applicants should submit preliminary proposals (expressions of interest) by January 15, 2024. The search committee will conduct a timely, limited review of expressions of interest submitted, and provide comments on the organizational aspects of preliminary proposals to assist candidates in submitting the full proposals. The deadline for full proposals is April 15, 2024. Members of the search committee are available to meet with those who intend to submit full proposals; potential editorial teams are encouraged to contact the committee. The search committee will recommend new editors to ISPP’s Governing Council, which will vote on the recommendation at its July, 2024 meeting.

We strive for an editorial team that represents both disciplinary and geographic diversity. We strongly encourage applications from the Global South, and other regions and institutions that are often underrepresented in academic publishing. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to obtain financial support from their home institutions, and teams who can secure support from their institutions will be at an advantage in the search process. Such support from the team’s home institutions can come in various forms and might include one or more of the following: release from teaching for the editor(s), funding editorial assistants, additional travel costs. The prospective editorial team should have colleagues or students on site in at least one of the institutions involved to assist the work of the main editor. A description of the institutional support available and demonstrated feasibility of
editorial staff workloads, given other obligations such as teaching, is a necessary part of the proposal and is one of several criteria that will be used to evaluate it. ISPP provides some financial support for the journal editorial team, the details of which should be negotiated with the search committee. Please contact the chair of the Search Committee, Leonie Huddy (leonie.huddy@stonybrook.edu) to discuss the journal’s budget.

Please submit applications electronically to the Search Committee Chair, Leonie Huddy, leonie.huddy@stonybrook.edu. General questions regarding the application procedure can also be directed to any member of the selection committee: Paul Nesbitt-Larking (paul.nesbitt-larking@huron.uwo.ca), Joanne Miller (jomiller@udel.edu), Christopher Federico (federico@umn.edu), and Felicia Pratto (felicia.pratto@uconn.edu).