

## Editor in Chief, Evolution Letters

The Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE) and the European Society for Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) are looking for a new Editor in Chief for the journal Evolution Letters. Evolution Letters was established in 2017 and is jointly run by the two societies. An Open Access journal, it aims to publish leading research from across the field of Evolutionary Biology.

The EiC is expected to be an established evolutionary biologist with a broad overview of the field. Main responsibilities are building on the initial success of the journal, fostering continued growth, with a focus on maintaining its quality and encouraging submission of the best research articles in the field. The EiC will oversee and work hand in hand with a board of Associate Editors, our publishers, a social media/communications editor and a Managing Editor. The EiC is responsible for:

Managing, recruiting and interacting with a board of dedicated Associate Editors to guarantee high quality publications; Contributing to policy decisions on publication strategy and quality control, in liaison with the publisher and societies; Making final publication decisions based on scientific merit; Soliciting or commissioning suitable manuscripts, Special Issues and other publishing opportunities, and overseeing social media and other publicity; Wherever possible, attending and contributing to the ESEB and SSE congresses; Promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of the journal's operations. An estimated average of 10-15% of weekly time is dedicated to this position. Appointments are for a 4-year term. Location is flexible as most communication occurs electronically. An honorarium is paid. Academic publishing is undergoing significant changes, and we would wish the candidate to be enthusiastic in support of a Society journal and its aims by pursuing opportunities to improve its popularity, impact and strength during this period.

ESEB and SSE have an Evolution Letters Oversight Committee that has meetings with the EiC and the publisher. Ultimately, the EiC is managed by this committee, in interaction with the senior committees of the societies. There is considerable independence and freedom to develop the journal. The current (inaugural) EiC, Jon Slate, has established the journal successfully, but will be standing down in 2022. Ideally the new appointee will be in place to shadow Jon before replacing him in the summer.

Further information about the journal and societies are available via the links below and further particulars are available from anyone on the appointments committee.

### Evolution Letters:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/20563744>

### Society for the Study of Evolution:

<http://www.evolutionsociety.org/>

### European Society for Evolutionary Biology:

<https://eseb.org/>

A formal application should be sent to Michael Ritchie (mgr@st-andrews.ac.uk) by June 15th. Your letter should provide an explanation of why you would be interested in taking on this exciting role at this stage of your career, and a brief outline of your vision for the journal over the next four years. It should also include a very brief CV.

Interested candidates are welcome to contact anyone listed below.

### **Appointments committee:**

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