

The Role: Editor-in-Chief of *RMD Open*

BMJ and EULAR are looking for the next Editor-in-Chief who can continue to shape *RMD Open* into the premier open access journal for rheumatology, maintaining the Journal's high quality standards.

The candidate is an active (or very recently retired) researcher and/or clinical rheumatologist. Specialists in any branch of rheumatology and musculoskeletal disorders are welcome to apply. They will act as an ambassador, upholding the highest ethical standards and editorial policies, as well as actively promoting and developing the journal. Applicants should have an MD and PhD (or similar degree) and should be able to demonstrate their impact in the field. The ideal candidate(s) will have a commitment to education and academic excellence, and editorial experience.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is 5 years. The Editor has responsibility for the editorial strategy and content of *RMD Open*, with support from their appointed editorial team and BMJ. Editorial training and technical support will be provided, together with strategic guidance. An annual stipend and other benefits are provided, as well as experienced editorial office support. The Editor should expect to spend approximately 7-10 hours per week in total for journal-related activities, but this will depend on the structure of the editorial team.

To be considered for the role, please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your interest and experience, a SWOT analysis of the journal, and your editorial vision for its future development. Applications should be sent to Lindsey Fountain, Associate Publisher, at lfountain@bmj.com. International and joint applications are welcomed. Interviews will be held via video conference.

Application deadline: 20th September 2021

Start date: 1st July 2022, although the successful candidate will have the opportunity of working alongside the current Editor-in-Chief from January 2022.

Main responsibilities

- Provide the highest possible quality of content for your readers
- Build a supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial team
- Maintain and ensure the integrity of the review process and publishing ethics, providing guidance to authors and reviewers as appropriate
- Develop procedures for effective triage and review of articles to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers
- Supervise the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical queries regarding published work

About *RMD Open*

[RMD Open](#) launched in 2015 and has become one of the leading open access journals in rheumatology.

It publishes high quality peer-reviewed original research covering the full spectrum of musculoskeletal disorders, rheumatism and connective tissue diseases, including osteoporosis, spine and rehabilitation. Clinical and epidemiological research, basic and translational medicine, interesting clinical cases, and smaller studies that add to the literature are all considered.

It is an online only open access journal that aims to provide rapid publication of research through a continuous publication model. All submitted content is subject to peer review prior to publication. Published work is free to read.

RMD Open is indexed in all major databases, including MEDLINE, Web of Science and Scopus. It has a CiteScore of 6.1 and a Journal Impact Factor of 5.117.

Being an Editor for BMJ

As Editor of *RMD Open* you will benefit from the following:

- Annual honorarium
- Attendance at a Medical Editors' training course
- Networking events with other BMJ Journal Editors
- Full training and support; from publishing processes to social media
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty
- Opportunities to interact with scientists conducting research around the world

About BMJ

RMD Open is co-owned by [BMJ](#). BMJ is a global healthcare knowledge provider with a vision for a healthier world. We share knowledge and expertise to improve healthcare outcomes. Along with our renowned flagship title, The BMJ, we offer over 70 specialty journals and a world leading collection of digital professional development resources. Our expertise extends from publishing and medical education to clinical decision support and events to enhance day to day decision-making and healthcare delivery.

About EULAR

RMD Open is co-owned by the [European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology](#) (EULAR), which is the organisation that represents people with arthritis/rheumatism, health professionals in rheumatology (HPR), and scientific societies of rheumatology of all the European nations. EULAR aims to reduce the impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) on the individual and society and to improve the social position and the quality of life of people with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases in Europe.