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The Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS) is a leading international peer review journal, with high impact and global reach. It seeks to disseminate high-quality clinical and translational scientific research in order to enhance international standards of care in reconstructive and aesthetic plastic surgery. The Journal now also seeks to expand its educational remit and develop its online content and support evidence-based practice. JPRAS Open is the second title in the JPRAS stable, providing an output for lower impact papers, educational material, and case reports.

The Journal has a strong Editorial team with a range of subspecialty remits, and is seeking to reduce processing times, provide an ever-better author and reviewer experience, and continue to develop its international standing. We are looking for a new Editor to be responsible for the day-to-day performance of the Journal.

The Editor oversees the processes of peer review, standard setting for Journal content, and for managing the Deputy Editors' workload and progression. In conjunction with the Publisher they are responsible for the punctual and satisfactory production of each issue of the Journal, for the final agreed content of each issue (including the opinions expressed in Editorials). They have overall responsibility for JPRAS Open, whose daily management and development is overseen by the JPRAS Open Editor.

He/she will have the relevant skills and background to secure high quality scientific and clinical content for the Journal, build the Journal's international profile, and to reflect the diversity and quality of the specialty. They should be able to develop the title into a dynamic multiplatform entity with increased volume of published content, and be able to enthuse authors to submit their scientific and clinical manuscripts, short reports, digital imaging catalogues / operative demonstrations, and educational material. It is expected that they will support developments in the interactions with BAPRAS' other charitable activities, educational work (including eLPRAS), and research activity.

Duties will include:-

- routine liaison with the publisher
- advising BAPRAS Council by means of the Committee of Management on all aspects relating to the Journal, including choice of publishing decisions, financial matters, matters of editorial policy and matters of style
- directing the overall strategy of the journal in cooperation with the Committee of Management and the other Editors
- developing, wherever possible, the journal's profile and reputation
- possessing a vision, and enthusiasm for the continuous development of the journal
- ensuring that the journal's aims, scope and content respond to any changes of direction in the field of study to incorporate newly emerging work
- acting as an ambassador for the journal
- managing affiliation agreements with suitable national / international professional bodies

He/she shall be bound by the ethical standards as laid out by the Committee on Publication Ethics (www.publicationethics.org.uk/).

The Editor is appointed by the Committee of Management for the Journal subject to Council's approval. They are a Member of Council, a member of the Committee of Management of the Journal and the Chair of the Editorial Advisory Committee.



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They will work within the existing Editorial and peer review structures of JPRAS, and will be supported to manage this by an editorial office. The Editor will manage submissions through the peer-review process, develop an educational portfolio, and recruit additional submissions and reviewers as appropriate. He/she/they will also be expected to work closely with the Editor of *JPRAS Open*, the journal's open access companion journal.

The Editor must possess the following:

- Consultant Plastic Surgeon of good national/international standing
- Relevant clinical/translational research, and/or postgraduate education skills
- Sound editorial judgement
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills (English language)
- A proven ability to research and synthesise data
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent time management skills
- Demonstrate equality and diversity training is up to date
- Institutional support for their involvement and for the time required to deliver the role
- An awareness of current developments within the Specialty, and the wider publishing world
- a network of international contacts to help manage the peer review process, and encourage submissions
- collaborative skills to work closely with the editorial and publishing team to ensure the journal continues to maximise opportunities

This role would suit an enthusiastic academic Plastic Surgeon who has demonstrable interest in post-graduate education, research, the publishing business, and the use of web-based platforms and journal databases. It is expected that the post will appeal to members of the organisations affiliated to JPRAS (currently BAPRAS & EURAPS), but this is not an exclusive condition.

The Editor is appointed on a consultancy basis and receives a monthly stipend, the size of which is decided by Council. He/she bears all responsibility for accommodating editorial work with other (especially clinical) commitments. He/she may ask the Association to reimburse his/her primary employer for editorial time in lieu of a stipend. He/she may apply for variations in reimbursements to Council via the Committee of Management.

Please note the Editor must commit to delivering services for a number of hours each week, and to attend meetings of JPRAS Committee of Management Meetings (twice per year), plus other infrequent meetings and conferences. The weekly time commitment is predicted to amount to 3PAs. The Term of Office is 3 years, renewal is by Order of the Committee of Management.

The Editor should give due notice of any decision to demit. He/she, although paid monthly, is expected to give six months' notice, and where possible more. Should Council decide to dismiss the Editor a minimum three month period of notice will be given, although they may require him/her to cease journal activity immediately if they believe that to be in the commercial or quality interests of the Association.

Further information may be obtained from Prof. Andrew Hart, Editor of JPRAS (email Andrew.Hart@glasgow.ac.uk) or Matt Burrows in the Secretariat (tel: 0207 269 5201).

If you are interested in applying for this position, please return the expression of interest form and brief curriculum vitae to matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk before the closing date of **8am on 15th July 2024**. The post is available from 1st January 2025, or sooner by mutual agreement with the existing Editor. A period of overlap is expected, in order to best support the new Editor into post.



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Applications should include your CV and a statement (no longer than 1 page) outlining ideas for the future development of the journal, placing it in the wider context of the research and clinical fields and its competitors. Qualified candidates will be interviewed prior to final selection.

At Journal of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, we are committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. In our pursuit of excellence, we recognize the strength in varied perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the diversity of our editorial team, we encourage applications from individuals who bring unique skills, backgrounds, and perspectives to the role.



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Expression of Interest Form Editor JPRAS, January 2025-December 2027

Members wishing to express an interest in this position should complete the short form below and return it to: matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk by **8am on Monday, 15th July 2024**.

Please also include a brief CV

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| Contact Details | |
| Name | |
| Email address | |
| Town/City | |
| Society Membership | |
| Are you a Full Member of BAPRAS / EURAPS? | Yes / No (please delete as applicable) |
| Please enter the year you became a Full Member of BAPRAS / EURAPS | |
| How long have you held a consultant position? | |
| Please list any BAPRAS / EURAPS Committees served on or previous involvement with JPRAS or JPRAS <i>Open</i> , with dates (or equivalent positions in other national / international organisations or journal titles). | |
| Personal Statement: 200 words maximum | |
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