

Society for Social Work and Research
Call for Nominations
Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR)*

Deadline: October 30, 2015

The Society for Social Work and Research Committee on Publications (COP) requests nominations for an editor-in-chief for the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR)*. *JSSWR* is a peer-reviewed publication dedicated to presenting innovative, rigorous research on social problems, intervention programs, and public policies. By creating a venue for the timely dissemination of empirical findings and advances in research methods, *JSSWR* seeks to strengthen the rigor of social work research and to advance knowledge in social work and allied professions and disciplines. The editor-in-chief will promote *JSSWR* in the broader academic community, support a team of associate editors designated by the editor, supervise a managing editor, and oversee the manuscript review and publication process. In so doing, the editor-in-chief will adhere to *JSSWR*'s editorial process, publication standards and priorities, and substantive and methodological foci. However, the editor-in-chief will have wide latitude in proposing new editorial and decision-making policies to the COP. Thus, the role of editor-in-chief provides the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the profession by helping to ensure that *JSSWR*'s standards are rigorous, its reviews timely, and its content useful in furthering knowledge development.

The COP will follow an inclusive and transparent process to solicit nominations for and appoint the editor-in-chief, as described below. The SSWR Board of Directors encourages participation by members of underrepresented groups and would particularly welcome such nominees for this position. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Candidates for the editor-in-chief position must be leading social work scholars/researchers (as indicated by a significant record of publication and editorial board service, and by the receipt of a Ph.D. in social work and/or a faculty position in a school of social work). Candidates must be or must become a member of SSWR. The editor-in-chief must become familiar with the publisher contract with the University of Chicago Press and adhere to contract requirements related to publishing *JSSWR*.

The COP is responsible for overseeing the nomination process and recommending candidates for editor-in-chief to the SSWR Board of Directors for appointment. The SSWR Board of Directors then votes on the appointment. The expectation is that the editor-in-chief will be appointed to an initial 3-4 year term, although the timeframe of service is negotiable. Each year of the appointment, the editor-in-chief may be provided with financial support for serving in this role, for hiring a managing and copy editor, and to cover supplemental editing support, technical support, and other expenses necessary to fulfill the obligations of the position.

All those interested in serving as editor-in-chief are invited to contact Kimberly Bender, Chair of the COP, at kimberly.bender@du.edu, to learn more about the position and the appointment process.

How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations should be sent to matthew@sswr.org. Type "JSSWR Editor" in the subject heading.

Please include the following information for your nominee. (**Note.** Each person may submit only one nomination.)

- Indicate whether you are nominating yourself or someone else.
- Provide the name, title, affiliation, and e-mail address of the nominee.
- Provide your name, title, affiliation, and e-mail address, if different from the nominee.
- If you are nominating another person, please provide a brief description or explanation of the nominee's qualities that you think make the person a good candidate for editor-in-chief.
- If you are submitting a self-nomination, please briefly describe your interest in the position of editor-in-chief.

The COP will contact all nominees to affirm their interest in the position. Those who wish to be considered will be asked to submit a CV and a brief statement outlining their qualifications for the position and their vision for *JSSWR*. By allowing nominees to put forth their own cases for the editor-in-chief position, the COP hopes to encourage nominations from a diverse set of leading scholars and researchers. Nominees affiliated with a particular institution (e.g., college, university, research center, agency) will be asked to submit a separate letter from a representative (e.g. dean, director, administrator) of that institution. This letter should delineate all institutional support the nominee will receive to help perform the role of editor-in-chief.

Timeline: The deadline for nominations is October 30, 2015. An editor-in-chief will be selected by January 2016. A transition period will take place from February-April 2016. The incoming editor will become editor-in-chief May 1, 2016.