

REGIONAL STUDIES

Call for Expression of Interest
Early Career Editor

FURTHER INFORMATION

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The **Regional Studies Association (RSA)** seeks to appoint an **Early Career Editor** for the international journal **Regional Studies** published by Routledge.

This journal has a significant circulation footprint and far-reaching impact. It is distributed and promoted with its RSA sister journals, **Territory, Politics, Governance; Spatial Economic Analysis** and the new gold open access journal **Regional Studies, Regional Science**.

Regional Studies has an international reputation for publishing original research and agenda-setting work focusing on economic, environmental, political, and social change aspects of regional (sub-national) development and policy-making. Submissions are global and typically from departments of geography, economics, planning and political science. Published articles combine elements of theoretical development, empirical analysis and policy debate. The editors publish papers of high academic quality and originality, that have a regional focus, are empirically grounded, methodologically sound, and situated explicitly within a wider framework of debates. The journal is now in its 48th volume and publishes twelve issues annually.

The journal publishes:

High-Quality Research The main section publishes landmark research contributing original theoretical development and empirical analyses of regional issues.

Urban and Regional Horizons is a periodic section that comprises agenda-setting work evaluating important topics relevant to new areas of emerging research and policy.

Policy Debates is a periodic section providing a forum for analysis and debate about important policy issues of international relevance in urban and regional development. Some of these papers are specially commissioned. Policy Debates is a fully-refereed section of **Regional Studies**. It is an interdisciplinary forum for the analysis of policy and practice issues in regional, local and urban development. Policy Debates seeks to engage academic and practitioner communities by exploring the interface between academic debates and policy design, implementation and results. Case studies of 'successful' policies and critiques of less successful ones are welcomed, as are broader analyses of major strands of contemporary policy thinking. Policy Debates is aimed at an international audience and is of interdisciplinary nature (including, but not limited to, economics, public policy, economic geography, planning).

Special Thematic Issues draw together contributions around key themes in regional studies from established and emergent researchers in the field.

Book Reviews provide analysis and comment on key recent publications in regional studies.

Impact Factor The 2013 Impact Factor is 1.756 and ranking 25/96 (Environmental Studies) 14/76 (Geography) and 59/332 (Economics). The 2013 5-Year Impact Factor is 2.017.

The journal uses a fully supported online submission programme (Scholar One Manuscripts) and is subject to double-blind peer review.



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The appointment of the Early Career Editor is open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD certificate on 31st December 2014. The appointment is a mentored role and will normally have a fixed term of three years after which it will be re-advertised. Re-application as the Early Career Editor is not permitted as this position is designed to offer capacity building and training within the academy.

Interested applicants with questions about the journal are invited to contact:

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General Issues

The journal is subject to the aims and objects of the Regional Studies Association and the editorial team is expected to have knowledge of the Association's activities.

The journal is international in scope. The Editorial Team and Editorial Advisory Board reflect this international reach.

Contractual Terms

The Editorial Team for *Regional Studies* has a formal contractual relationship with the Regional Studies Association. This contract will set out the role and responsibilities of the editors, the Association and the publishers. It will also set out the terms of the contract and the financial arrangements.

The editorial team receives editorial expenses to cover their costs in editing the journal. This has been done to enable travel to Editorial meetings and to facilitate conference and other travel by editors for the promotion of the journal.

Management

The Association has experience of managing four journals a book series and a magazine. Its structures and methods have worked well to support and protect editorial teams while providing freedom of editorial decision making.

The editorial team work collectively to ensure papers of suitable quality and interest in the field of regional studies are published in the journal. They formulate the strategic direction of the journal, for example in selecting papers for publication and considering proposals for Special Issues. An Executive Editor and an Administrative Officer support the work of the editorial team to manage the content and profile of the journal.

The Editor in Chief of the journal has a place on the Regional Studies Association Publication Committee and on the Board of the Association.

The editorial team report to the Publication Committee which oversees the day-to-day management of the Association's journals including such matters as the negotiation of contracts and decisions on changes to the major format of the journals, for example increases in frequency or change in layout or design. Decisions are taken in close collaboration with the editors of the publications. The Publication Committee also takes a lead on any legal or similar issues that are raised such as unattributed copying and redundant publishing.

The Publication Committee does not interfere with editorial decision.

Within the RSA office the Chief Executive takes responsibility for the journals publishing programme assisted by other colleagues.

Promotion of the Journal

This is primarily delivered by the publishers but all parties participate in terms of strategy and approach. The editors will be expected to play a role in building the reputation of the journal through for example, participating in "Meet the Editors" sessions at major conferences, writing calls for papers, etc. Editors would not be expected to draw up detailed marketing plans or to deliver them.



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Financial Management of the Journal

The editors are not expected to be involved in the financial management of the journal other than in the transparent management of editorial expenses allocated to them. This function is managed by the Regional Studies Association office and the publishers. The editors do not carry the financial risk of the journal.

Responding to the Call for Expressions of Interest

In making expressions of interest candidates are invited to submit a manifesto (maximum 2,000 words) setting out:

1. Their ideas for the journal, including but not limited to:

- An explanation of the historic and future strengths of the journal and its place in regional studies broadly defined
- Ideas about article type (review, commissioned, etc.)
- Special issue topics
- Ideas for sections within the journal
- Views on the inclusion of editorials
- Article length and other general instructions to authors
- How the journal can have impact and be made more relevant to policy makers

2. Outline any existing editorial experience and in particular any experience of managing the peer review processes. Any knowledge of legal and ethical issues in scholarly publishing should be outlined.

3. Any institutional support available, including any time allowance to undertake the editorial role.

Full CVs should be attached – these may be in summary form but should give enough information to demonstrate embeddedness in the field and its networks, e.g. information about networks, conferences attended, relevant publications, professional memberships, etc.

Closing Date for applications:

5pm (UK time) Friday, 31st October 2014

Please email your application to Daniela Carl at daniela.carl@regionalstudies.org

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