

## Early Career Researcher Editorial Board Member

Role title:	Early Career Researcher Editorial Board Member
Accountable to:	Editor-in-Chief, Regional Editor or Editorial Board Member
Term:	July 2021 – December 2022

### Scope and Purpose

*Immunotherapy Advances* is inviting early career researchers to apply to be part of the journal's Early Career Researcher Editorial Board. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the peer review system, journal advocacy and how research is assessed. The ECR Board members will work closely with more senior members of the Editorial Board to learn how to effectively review for a journal, as well as receiving experience in other Editorial Board activities. The ECR Board members will also be working closely with the Editors and the British Society for Immunology publishing and marketing teams to help influence and implement the early strategy and direction of *Immunotherapy Advances*, advising on current trends and topics of interest within your area of expertise.

### General

This is an exciting opportunity to join the editorial team of our brand new Open Access journal, develop your skills as a peer reviewer, learn more about the editorial process and contribute to the growth and development of the journal. Successful candidates will be active researchers within the immunology field in the early stages of their career.

The ECR Editorial Board members would report to Editor-in-Chief Professor Tim Elliott, one of the journal's Regional Editors or Editorial Board Members, with additional support from the British Society for Immunology staff team.

### Duties of an ECR Editorial Board Member

- To act as referee in partnership with an experienced Editorial Board member for up to five papers a year within your area of expertise, to learn on the job about editorial decision making and how to be an effective peer reviewer
- Be a part of the journal's inception by helping to shape the early strategy and direction of *Immunotherapy Advances*, by providing feedback and ideas for the Editor-in-Chief and Regional Editors on current trends and topics within your area of expertise
- To act as an ambassador for *Immunotherapy Advances* to actively encourage submissions and to help raise the profile of the journal within your networks
- Support the journal by sharing content within your social media and research networks
- Attend meetings of the ECR Editorial Board network, typically held once a year
- Be prepared to propose topics and authors for papers for publication in the journal

### Person Specification

The ideal candidate will:

- Be currently working or studying in the field of immunology, hold a higher research degree and ideally have at least three years' post-doctoral experience
- Have contributed as first author on a number of published research articles

- Be looking to gain experience as a reviewer for an academic journal, and to develop a better insight into the role of an Editorial Board member
- Keep up to date with the latest research in immunology and interdisciplinary fields and have a working knowledge of research ethics and best practice
- Demonstrate a keen interest in research dissemination and the editorial process
- Be able to support the wider mission of the journal and the Society

### Benefits

The main benefit for members of the ECR Editorial Board would be practical experience as a reviewer, with support and guidance from the Editorial team and wider Editorial Board. There will be opportunities to network with other members of the Editorial Board and with the Senior Editorial Team, and you will be listed on the Editorial Board online and in any promotional materials.

Members of the ECR Editorial Board will receive complimentary membership to the BSI for the length of their term, including free access to journal content and discounts on BSI events.

Exceptional ECR Editorial Board members may be promoted to Editorial Board member status at the end of their initial term.

### Application Process

To be considered for the position of ECR Editorial Board member, applicants should provide a copy of their CV, along with a cover letter outlining the following:

- Why you are interested in the role and what you would like to accomplish
- Your relevant experience and skills
- What you can bring to the journal
- How you see the journal developing over the next five years

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 23 June 2021**.

Please also indicate your institution and your key subject areas so we can match you appropriately to a Regional Editor. All applications will be reviewed by the *Immunotherapy Advances* publishing team and Editors.