Early Career Researcher Editorial Board Member

Role title: Early Career Researcher Editorial Board Member
Accountable to: Editor-in-Chief
Term: minimum 1 year

Scope and purpose
Clinical & Experimental Immunology 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 the Section Editors and more senior members of the Editorial Board to learn how to effectively review for a journal, as well as getting involved in other Editorial Board activities. The ECR Board members will also be working closely with the British Society for Immunology (BSI) publishing and marketing teams to help influence and carry out the strategy for Clinical & Experimental Immunology, advising on current trends and topics of interest within your area of expertise.

Clinical & Experimental Immunology is an official journal of the BSI, publishing high quality articles in the field of translational immunology. We are interested in studies that have the potential to transform our understanding of the immunopathology of human disease and/or change clinical practice.

General
This is an exciting opportunity to join the editorial team of a long-standing Society journal, develop your skills as a peer reviewer, learn more about the editorial process and contribute to the success and development of the journal. Successful candidates will be active researchers within the field of clinical and translational immunology and in the early stages of their career.

The ECR Editorial Board members would report to Editor-in-Chief Professor Leonie Taams from King’s College London, with additional support from the BSI staff team.

Duties of an ECR Editorial Board Member

- To act as referee for up to five papers a year within your area of expertise, learning on the job about editorial decision-making and how to be an effective peer reviewer
- Help to shape the strategy and direction of Clinical & Experimental Immunology, by providing feedback and ideas for the Editor-in-Chief and Section Editors on current trends and topics within your area of expertise
- To act as an ambassador for Clinical & Experimental Immunology actively encouraging submissions and helping to raise the profile of the journal within your networks
- Support the journal by sharing content via social media and within your research community
- Attend meetings of the ECR Editorial Board, typically held once a year
- Propose topics and authors for articles, Review Series and Virtual Issues in the journal
- Contribute as an author by proposing commentaries or mini-reviews relating to journal content
- Support the wider activities of the BSI, including contributing to Society news and blogs when appropriate e.g. writing summaries of recent papers for the BSI membership magazine, Immunology News
Person specification
The ideal candidate will:

- be currently working or studying in the field of immunology, hold a higher research degree and have at least three years’ post-doctoral experience
- have contributed as first author or corresponding author to at least four published primary research articles, with first-hand experience of addressing reviewer comments
- 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

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 Congress and events.

Exceptional ECR Editorial Board members may be promoted to full 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
- your thoughts on future opportunities for the journal

The deadline for applications is the Monday 28 February 2022.

Please also indicate your institution and up to five research interests and the relevant journal section based on your area of expertise. All applications will be reviewed by the Clinical & Experimental Immunology editors and publishing team.