



Plant Biotechnology Journal: Editor-in-Chief vacancy

Applications are invited for the post of Editor-in-Chief of *Plant Biotechnology Journal*.

Plant Biotechnology Journal is currently ranked 11th in the plant sciences category of the Journal Citation Record with an impact factor of 4.886. It will publish its tenth volume in 2012, with a frequency of nine issues per volume and one volume per calendar year. The Journal is jointly owned by the Association of Applied Biologists, the Society for Experimental Biology, and Wiley-Blackwell. The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed by and report to a Management Committee consisting of two representatives from each of the three owning parties.

The current Editor-in-Chief is stepping down at the end of 2012. The Management Committee wish to appoint a successor capable of building upon the Journal's existing record of publishing high impact original research and reviews in applied plant science. The ideal candidate will have:

- Strong academic credentials and a track record of publishing in high quality academic journals,
- Previous editorial experience on high quality journals at editorial board, associate editor or editor level,
- An international reputation and proven network of contacts working within the plant sciences and associated areas of research,
- The passion, commitment, and vision to make *Plant Biotechnology Journal* the 'Journal of choice' for authors,
- Leadership qualities and an ability to motivate contributors, reviewers, Editors, Associate Editors and the officers of the Management Committee,
- A basic understanding of the business models adopted by the Journal and a willingness to develop the Journal in line with pre-defined objectives,
- The ability and time to juggle Journal editorship with any other professional or academic commitments.

A full job description is available on request but the key responsibilities of the role include:

- Seeking contributions to the journal and managing the peer review process for such contributions,
- Setting editorial policy and scholarly standards of the Journal; maintaining and improving those standards in line with key objectives,
- Working closely with the Editorial Assistant/Managing Editor to monitor copyflow, acceptance and rejection rates, and issue scheduling,
- Managing the Editorial Board, appointing and renewing Editorial Board members on agreed terms and to ensure that the Board's composition is sufficiently international and broad in scope,
- To communicate regularly with the Editorial Board concerning the development of the journal, editorial strategy, submissions,
- To assist the Publisher in promoting the journal by advising on publicity and promoting the journal wherever possible through contacts and at conferences attended.

Applications are invited from individuals working in any branch of plant biology. All candidates should submit their formal CV together with written answers (not exceeding one page of A4) to the following two questions:

1. What are the key attributes of a successful academic journal?
2. What would be your plans and ambitions for *Plant Biotechnology Journal* in your first term as Editor-in-Chief?

Potential candidates will be selected and ranked by representatives of the Management Committee. If formal interviews are required these can be arranged by tele- or video-conference for candidates applying from outside of the UK.

The position is for three years, commencing 1st January 2013, and carries an annual honorarium plus some expenses. The initial term may be extended by mutual agreement. The post may be held by a scientist resident within or outside of the UK.

Applications should be submitted by email to Felicity Clark at Wiley-Blackwell (fclark@wiley.com). The closing date for applications is 29th February 2012.