

Vacancy for Senior Editor – Methods in Ecology and Evolution

The British Ecological Society (BES) is a thriving learned society established in 1913 whose vision is a world inspired, informed and influenced by ecology. It publishes five successful journals, and a quarterly newsletter, the Bulletin, that is distributed to its 5,000 members worldwide. At present, the BES is seeking an outstanding ecologist to join the team of Editors on *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*.

Methods in Ecology and Evolution (MEE) is a high-profile broad-scope journal which promotes the development of new methods in ecology and evolution, and facilitates their dissemination and uptake by the research community. *MEE* brings together papers from previously disparate sub-disciplines to provide a single forum for tracking methodological developments in all areas. The journal has excellent citation metrics including a current Impact Factor of 6.34 and an active social media presence.

Submissions to *MEE* are growing and we are seeking an Editor to strengthen and complement the editorial team and to continue raising the Journal's profile worldwide. The Journal's editorial team consists of three Editors who are supported by an international board of around 60 Associate Editors and dedicated editorial office personnel. The Editors work together to determine journal strategy and to increase the reputation and quality of the Journal, in addition to making decisions on around 800 manuscripts submitted each year. Further details about the Journal and its current editorial team can be found at www.methodsinecologyandevolution.org.

We particularly encourage applications from researchers with expertise in the following areas: software and applications, field methods or evolutionary methods but would also encourage candidates with expertise in any other areas of the Journal's scope to apply. Applications are welcome from leading scientists from any country.

Editors must be highly motivated, decisive, outstanding communicators and must act with probity. They must have an excellent understanding of their own field, as well as the wider discipline; have experience of refereeing and the editing processes; a commitment to maintaining the high editorial standards of the Journal; an interest in ongoing developments within academic publishing; and a strong interest in acting as an advocate for the journal at meetings and conferences. Editors will be expected to attend at least one Editorial Board meeting per year in person, usually at the BES offices in London. Costs for this will be covered.

This post is a part-time three-year contract (current salary c. £6,100 per annum) and located at the holder's host university or organisation. Editors are expected to act as advocates for the journal and contribute to commissioning content. Financial support is available for this.

Key responsibilities are listed below and the post can be discussed further with any of the current journal Senior Editors: Rob Freckleton (r.freckleton@sheffield.ac.uk), Bob O'Hara (bohara@senckenberg.de), Jana Vamosi (jvamosi@ucalgary.ca).

Purpose of role: Working with other members of the Journal Team to ensure that the Journal publishes top quality, timely material and to plan and implement strategies that will enhance its profile and expand its readership.

Selection criteria:

- Strong publication record
- Knowledge and understanding of the subject area, complementary to that of the existing Editors
- Experience of refereeing (essential) and of other editorial work (highly desirable)
- Ability to work independently and to prioritise from a range of active projects
- Ability to form, and operate in, scientific networks, including through the use of social media
- Ability to think strategically and act decisively
- Commitment to the post and to the goals of the BES

Key responsibilities:

- Act as an advocate for the journal
- Identify key subject areas on which the Journal should focus (whether already established or emerging/advancing rapidly)
- Solicit submission of high-quality manuscripts in all areas relevant to the Journal
- Drive the strategic direction of the Journal by pre-screening submitted manuscripts for suitability, selecting handling editors and referees and making decisions based on their reports
- Gather opinions from fellow ecologists on the strengths and weaknesses of the Journal: use this information to drive changes in procedure, to develop initiatives and/or to feed into general discussions
- Involved in the recruitment of new Associate Editors, particularly encouraging diversity within the editorial board
- Assist editorial team to identify papers for further promotion via video, podcasting and the media
- Promote the Journal and the BES when attending conferences
- Contribute to the Journal's development and join in discussions with those involved with other BES journals
- Act as handling editor for a limited number of manuscripts and cover for the Executive Editor as needed
- Actively engage with social media tools in order to help promote the Journal

Applications: please send your CV, plus a letter stating what you have to offer to the Journal and how you would develop it in the next three years to Andrea Baier, Senior Managing Editor (andrea@britishecologicalsociety.org).

The BES values the [benefits](#) that diversity brings. We seek to create an inclusive culture and welcome applications from all sectors of society.

Closing date: 7th February

Interview date: 28th February