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Journal of Applied Ecology

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The British Ecological Society is a thriving learned society established in 1913 whose vision is advancing ecology and making it count. It publishes five successful journals, and a quarterly newsletter, the *Bulletin*, that is distributed to its over 4,500 members worldwide. At present, the BES is seeking an outstanding applied ecologist to coordinate and drive the development of *Journal of Applied Ecology*.

Editor Vacancy



Journal of Applied Ecology is the leading applied ecology journal that publishes papers combining the highest standards of ecological science with direct relevance to environmental management. The Journal's mission is to drive forward the field of applied ecology by providing a high-quality evidence base for scientists, managers and policymakers. The Journal's current ISI Impact Factor is 4.740, ranking it 21st out of 136 ecology journals.

We are seeking an Editor to strengthen and complement the current editorial team and to raise the Journal's profile worldwide. The team is supported by an international Associate Editorial Board 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 submitted manuscripts. Further details about the Journal and its current editors can be found on the journal website www.journalofappliedecology.org.

We particularly encourage applications from researchers with expertise in the following areas: mammal ecology and conservation, aquatic ecology and fisheries, invertebrates, climate change, ecosystem services, quantitative techniques, or any other areas of the Journal's scope. Applications are welcome from leading scientists from any country, and from those who could contribute to the Journal's development in other topical and developing fields.

Editors must be highly motivated, decisive, outstanding communicators and must act with probity. They must have an excellent understanding of their own field of ecology, as well as the wider discipline; have experience of refereeing and the editing processes; and a commitment to maintaining the high editorial standards of the Journal. This post is part-time (current salary c. £5,700 per annum) and located at the holder's host university or organisation. Some support is available to facilitate attendance at meetings with other BES editors and to act as ambassadors for the Journal at ecological/conservation events.

Appointments will be made to start as soon as possible. Key responsibilities are listed below and the post can be discussed with the incoming Executive Editor, Professor Marc Cadotte (mcadotte@utsc.utoronto.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 remaining editors
- Experience of refereeing (essential) and of 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
- Ability to think strategically and act decisively
- Commitment to the post and to the goals of the BES

Key responsibilities:

- 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
- Gather opinions from fellow ecologists/practitioners 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
- Identify and recruit new Associate Editors
- Promote the Journal and the BES when attending conferences
- Contribute to the Journal's development and discussions with those involved with other BES journals
- 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
- Act as handling editor for a limited number of manuscripts
- Advance the Journal through the use of electronic initiatives and engagement with social media

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 five years to Andrea Baier, Deputy Head of Publications (andrea@britishecologicalsociety.org).

Closing date: 11 November 2013 (noon GMT)

Interviews will take place by phone on Wednesday 27 November 2013