

## **A Request for Proposals for Editor of the *Perspectives on Public Management & Governance***

The Public Management Research Association seeks an editor or co-editor team for *Perspectives on Public Management & Governance (PPMG)*, a journal dedicated to theory development and conceptual work challenging and advancing the field of public affairs. Specifically, *PPMG* seeks to develop new theories, frameworks, and conceptual models, as well as summative and critical evaluations of existing theoretical frameworks. It welcomes contributions from a variety of epistemological frameworks that add a new perspective to public administration and governance, e.g., positivist, normative, interpretive, grounded, and critical theory. In addition to publishing new theoretical work, the journal is interested in analytic reviews of literature. While the primary focus of the journal is not on empirical studies, it anticipates treatment of concepts used in empirical work, discussion of trends and advancements, synthesis of empirical work such as meta-analyses, and theoretical developments that offer quantitative or qualitative empirical illustrations. *PPMG* is published by Oxford University Press (OUP) and is as a sister journal to the *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory (JPART)*, a top-ranked journal in the field of public affairs.

Although *PPMG* is a newer journal, it is seeing strong growth and positive trends. The journal releases four issues per year. Three of those issues are filled with at least five full-length papers and one or more essays or commentaries. The fourth issue typically has been devoted to a symposium topic led by special issue editors with eight to ten articles and essays. Submissions hover at about 80-100 articles and essays per year. *PPMG* has been accepted for inclusion in Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), the first step in the process for inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), which brings with it an Impact Factor. In addition, *PPMG* has been accepted into the SCOPUS index.

The editor or co-editor team should be established scholars in the field. Given the wide range of articles included in the journal, the editor or co-editor team should understand the breadth of the public administration field and be conversant and knowledgeable about the diversity of scholars and methodological approaches in its community. We encourage diverse candidates and co-editor teams to apply.

The editor or co-editor team of *PPMG* will have primary leadership responsibility for the journal. The editor or co-editors will be responsible for the organization, operation, and management of all aspects of the journal, from the receipt of manuscripts to the selection of reviewers, the evaluation of reviews, intermediate and final manuscript selection or rejection, and placement of accepted manuscripts into issues. Additional responsibilities include working with OUP on production issues, updating the website and maintaining a social media presence, communicating and problem solving with authors, communicating with and acknowledging reviewers, coordinating the editorial team, recruiting and retiring editorial board members, preparing editorial board annual letters and periodic messages, preparing reports, and attending Public Management Research Association (PMRA) board meetings. The editor or co-editor team is expected to continue the process of indexing *PPMG* with SSCI and will serve as an ex-officio member of the PMRA Board. The term of the editor or co-editor team can range from three to five years and may be renewed once.

## Proposal Development and Criteria for Selection

Proposals from the prospective editor or co-editor team should include a statement, a letter (or letters) of support from the relevant School/Department administrators, and a professional CV(s).

The statement should be no more than 5 single-spaced pages and address the editor or team's:

- Vision, goals, and expected outcomes for the journal.
- Ideas about the diversification of the journal in terms of international breadth of submissions and scholars.
- Outreach strategy and social media plans, as well as how these will expand the reach and prestige of the journal.
- Ideas for additions or improvements to the journal.

In addition to the proposal, the prospective editor or co-editor teams should submit:

- A letter from the relevant Dean or other administrator of the School/Department that indicates willingness to provide support. (If a co-editor team is applying, a letter from each team member's relevant administrator should be provided.) The nature and level of support could include reductions in teaching load, summer salary, dedicated research assistance, space, and/or computer facilities. OUP subsidizes direct costs (e.g., travel, awards, conference event expenses, etc.) via PMRA and department billing. In addition, OUP provides OneScholar, an editorial software program that supports all manuscript management and production work, maintains the website, posts announcements of papers and issues, and handles electronic marketing functions, which greatly reduces the need for secretarial support. The experience of *JPART* editors and the first *PPMG* editor suggest that a dedicated research assistant is the minimum level of support needed.
- A professional CV for the applicant(s), demonstrating that the individual or team has relevant organizational and/or editorial experience, knowledge of PMRA, and international reputations for sound and creative scholarship.

## Timeline

The deadline for proposals is December 31, 2021. The *PPMG* Editorial Selection Committee may request zoom interviews in mid- to late-January and will make a recommendation to the PMRA Board by early February. The goal is to have the new *PPMG* editor formally take over on June 1, 2022.

Proposals should be sent electronically to the chair of the selection committee, Tina Nabatchi ([tnabatch@syr.edu](mailto:tnabatch@syr.edu)), Syracuse University, and the current PMRA President, Leisha DeHart Davis ([ldehart@sog.unc.edu](mailto:ldehart@sog.unc.edu)), University of North Carolina.

The other members of the selection committee include Frances Berry ([fberry@fsu.edu](mailto:fberry@fsu.edu)), Florida State University; Lene Holm Pedersen ([lhp@ifs.ku.dk](mailto:lhp@ifs.ku.dk)), University of Copenhagen; Meghna Sabharwal ([mxs095000@utdallas.edu](mailto:mxs095000@utdallas.edu)), University of Texas-Dallas; and Xufeng Zhu ([zhuxufeng@tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:zhuxufeng@tsinghua.edu.cn)), Tsinghua University. Questions about the position can be addressed to the committee chair.