SAGE is seeking to appoint a new Editor in Chief for Health Psychology Open to succeed Founding Editor, David Marks from early 2020.

Launched in 2015 by SAGE and David Marks, SAGE and David are now looking for a new Editor in Chief for the journal, who is willing to continue work on the strategic development Health Psychology Open (HPO). HPO is closely associated with its sister publication, Journal of Health Psychology and the new Editor in Chief will be expected to retain these close ties while working to establish HPO’s own identity as a leading Open Access journal within Health Psychology.

The journal

Health Psychology Open (HPO) is an international, peer-reviewed, open access, online-only journal providing rapid publication. HPO is dedicated to publishing cutting-edge research in health psychology from around the world and also publishes special collections that cover significant issues within health psychology. The journal is fully Open Access, and publishes in a continuous publication format online.

HPO seeks to provide a platform for both traditional empirical analyses and more qualitative and/or critically oriented approaches to health psychology. All areas of health psychology are covered, but these topics are of particular interest:

- Clinical health psychology
- Critical health psychology
- Community health psychology
- Health psychology practice
- Health psychology through a social, cultural or regional lens

The journal particularly favours papers that focus on health psychology in practice, including submissions concerning community and/or clinical applications and interventions. Review articles are also welcomed.

The journal is indexed in the DOAJ, Web of Science’s Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), PubMed Central (PMC), Scopus and ProQuest and is looking to apply to for its first Impact Factor shortly.
Editor in Chief Vacancy

The role of the Editor in Chief is to maintain and if possible enhance the scholarly reputation of Health Psychology Open by publishing high quality output of academic material that reflects the traditions, focus and international reputation of the journal.

General responsibilities of the editorship include:

- Soliciting and encouraging submissions and co-ordinating special collections for the journal.
- Working on the strategic development of the journal with a particular focus on maintaining and improving quality and impact to establish HPO as a leading journal in the field.
- Leasing and communicating with the SAGE journal team, especially in regards to journal strategy, policies and performance.
- Managing the receipt and peer review of scholarly submissions, liaising with authors, and responsibility for the selection and revision of articles. The Editor in Chief will also need to ensure that the editorial review process is providing a satisfactory output of high quality publishable papers.
- Consider and take through the peer review process as necessary, papers referred for potential publication in HPO by HPO’s sister publication, Journal of Health Psychology. The Editor in Chief will have final say on acceptance of referred papers.
- Ensuring timely production of the journal and delivering copy to the publisher upon acceptance and according to agreed production schedules.
- Putting together, managing and working with the international editorial board, with a view to expanding the board to reflect the research areas covered and the global reach of the journal.
- The new editor does not have to be a native English speaker. However, they will need to demonstrate how the competent English editing of the journal can be assured.
- Representing the Journal in your position as Editor in Chief at academic conferences and promotional activities, and promoting the Journal when possible, with the support of the SAGE team.
- In collaboration with the editorial team, maintain a relevant reviewer database of sufficient size and quality to ensure the quality of the review process.

Please note that throughout the editorship, the Editor will work closely with the journal team at SAGE Publications, and in some instances, the founding Editor David Marks, who will still work on Health Psychology Open’s sister publication, Journal of Health Psychology. The Editor will benefit from the online SAGE Track manuscript submission and peer review system (fully supported and powered by ScholarOne Manuscripts™) that is available for the journal.

Person specification
The successful candidate is likely to possess and be able to demonstrate evidence of the following qualities:

1. A PhD in an appropriate area
2. An impressive record of publications in academic journals.
3. International standing in the field.
4. Extensive experience of reviewing papers submitted to academic journals.
5. A familiarity with the key journals in the field of clinical psychology, with an emphasis on health.
6. Impressive oral and written communication skills.
8. A willingness and an ability to engage in dialogue with those submitting papers to the journal and to provide timely responses and feedback.
9. A strong international professional network, preferably with strong links in to Europe and North America.
10. An ability to work closely with, and exercise leadership over an editorial team.
11. A capacity to develop and implement strategies to ensure the continuing success of the journal.
12. Availability to attend/participate in meetings with the editorial team and the publisher.
13. A commitment to the aims and mission of HPO and a willingness to work closely with the SAGE journals team
14. Some experience of academic editing would be an advantage.

Please submit a CV and a statement or cover letter about why you would be suitable for the role to Sophie Donnelly at Sophie.donnelly@sagepub.co.uk

We are seeking someone who could start in early 2020, but exact start dates are negotiable.

Closing date for applications is the 30th September 2019.