

Request for Proposals
for the editorship of
Business & Society

The International Association for Business and Society (IABS) is seeking editor(s) and/or an editorial team for *Business & Society*. Founded in 1960, *Business & Society* was the first journal exclusively dedicated to publishing research in the field of business and society and is the official journal of IABS. The journal is published by *SAGE*, a distinguished, well-established publisher of books and journals, and ranks among the top journals in the field, with an impact factor of 7.389, #29 out of 153 in the category Business (JCR), and ABS 3 score.

In December 2022 the contract of the current editorial team will be completed. Therefore, IABS is soliciting proposals for the editorship of the journal, with a beginning date of July 2022 (new editors will work with current editors through the end of 2022). The IABS editorial selection committee will be pleased to receive applications for the editorship, ideally from a group of scholars that apply as a team or from individual scholars willing to serve as part of an editorial team selected by IABS.

The editorial team will be responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on submissions to the journal, and will manage all aspects of the publication and review process using the Manuscript Central electronic submission and review platform. The editorial team is expected to maintain timely and effective communication, advance journal performance, and work towards upholding *Business & Society's* high-quality standard. The selection committee is open to various editorial arrangements and lengths of service, between a minimum of three years and a maximum of five years. The exact term and conditions will be discussed with the applicant(s).

Applicants for editor/editor teams should have:

- A distinguished scholarly record in the business and society field.
- Strong leadership skills and experience in academic leadership roles.
- Strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work well with others.
- Knowledge of IABS and its values and mission, preferably with a record of participation or membership in IABS.
- Ability and willingness to be innovative in the face of ever-changing technological advancements.
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion. The selection committee strongly encourages teams to reflect principles of diversity and inclusion in terms of, for example, gender, racial, and geographic representation of team members.
- Applicants should also possess a commitment to the journal's values and commitments:
 - **Developmental and Supportive.** We are committed to advancing the field by developing authors and deepening conversations in the domain of business & society. We will encourage submissions that address under-researched topics and under-represented regions, thus extending the field's voices and audiences.

- **Quality, Rigor and Timeliness.** We are committed to ensuring a timely, high quality review process, publishing high quality work, and being professional in our dealings.
- **Approachable and Responsive.** We are committed to openness and the development of new ideas, new proposals, new contributions, and new insights into the field. We strive to make the journal leadership representative of its authors and readers.
- **Impact and Influence.** We are committed to making an impact beyond publication, impact factors, and journal rankings to education, practice, and policy. We aspire to be an active contributor to debates on the growth of the field of business and society.

SAGE provides *Business & Society* with some editorial support, but the host institutions of the successful applicant(s) will also be expected to provide support for the editor(s) as needed. Your application should indicate the expected level of institutional support, which might come in the form of additional faculty release time, travel funds, summer salary, office space, utilities, the use of computers and other office equipment, support for staff, student workers, and/or other basic expenses.

Applications from teams or individuals should include a short proposal (no more than 5 pages, single spaced) with an expression of interest, along with an argument for why this proposed editor or editorial team would be a good match for the journal and what kind of institutional support the editor or editorial team could expect to receive from one or more of their home institutions. Please share your perspective on current strengths and weaknesses of the journal, prospective editorial strategy for the journal, and preliminary plans for the editorial board, with any relevant documentation regarding prospective institutional support. Applications should also include a current CV of each applicant (including a list of publications).

Please email your application package to [Duane Windsor](mailto:odw@rice.edu) (odw@rice.edu), chair of the editor selection team, by January 30, 2022. Thank you for your interest.