

## **Autism & Developmental Language Impairments**

### **Call for applications for Editor-in-Chief**

Sage is seeking an Editor-in-Chief to lead the *Autism & Developmental Language Impairments (ADLI)* editorial team. *The starting date is to be formalised, but will be by mutual agreement between Sage and the outgoing Editor, Professor Nicola Botting in 2025.*

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ADLI is a peer reviewed open access journal, which launched in 2016. Founded by Professor Nicola Botting and Sage, ADLI focusses on helping shape research in the growing field of developmental communication disorders. The journal is not solely focused on autism and Developmental Language Disorder and welcomes submissions across a wide range of topics within atypical language development.

The journal is indexed in the DOAJ, ProQuest, Scopus, and ESCI (Web of Science) and is fully accessible online at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/DLI>. It has an impact factor of 2.6.

#### **General responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include:**

- Overseeing the entire peer review process of scholarly submissions via the ScholarOne manuscript submission system – including:
  - Assessing papers at submission for quality, use of language, and scope, and desk rejecting where appropriate
  - Inviting reviewers from their networks, where appropriate, or further afield
  - Making final decisions on the acceptance or rejection of articles submitted to the journal via the online submission system. In all cases the Editor-in-Chief's decision on a paper will be final
- Determining the content of the journal, including soliciting and encouraging submissions, as well as commissioning of key papers and special collections
- Liaising with associate editors and supporting them with timely processes and troubleshooting
- Liaising with the team at Sage to ensuring that publication processes and deadlines are met, and copy delivered according to agreed production schedules
- Managing and developing the editorial advisory board
- Strategic development of the journal with a particular focus on maintaining and improving quality and impact
- Representing the Journal in your position as Editor at academic conferences
- Promoting the journal on social media
- Please note that throughout the editorship, the Editor will work closely with the journal team at Sage Publications, Associate Editors and the Editorial Board

#### **Essential Requirements**

- A PhD or doctoral equivalent qualification in a relevant discipline
- At least 5 years of experience in the field (as a professional or as an academic)
- International professional and/or academic links to scholars and practitioners
- Experience of writing to a publishable standard in peer-reviewed outlets and experience of reviewing papers submitted to academic journals
- A familiarity with the key journals in the field of autism and developmental language impairments
- Ability to work under pressure and manage responsibilities
- Good organisational abilities and an ability to work closely with an editorial team
- A willingness and an ability to engage in dialogue with those submitting papers to the journal and to provide timely responses and feedback
- Availability to attend/participate in meetings with the editorial team and the publisher
- Capacity to develop and implement strategies to ensure the continuing success of the journal

**Advantageous Requirements**

- Experience in editing and publishing via Editorial Board Membership or as an Associate Editor
- Experience of using ScholarOne Manuscripts, either as author or editor

Sage invites expressions of interest by the **5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. The Publisher is seeking an initial 3-5 year commitment.

Sage is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and particularly encourages applications from under-represented groups.

An editorial remuneration is offered.

**To apply, please send a brief CV and cover email. Please outline any experience that you have which supports your application, and expressions should specifically address the applicants' aims and vision for the Journal over the term of editorship, and any strategic vision for the Journal's future.**

**Please send applications to Sophie Donnelly at [sophie.donnelly@sagepub.co.uk](mailto:sophie.donnelly@sagepub.co.uk)**

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