



Advertisement for Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Cystic Fibrosis

The European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS) is looking to appoint the next Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Cystic Fibrosis (JCF).

The current Editor-in-Chief, Patrick Flume, will complete his mandate on June 30, 2026. It is anticipated that the next Editor-in-Chief will shadow the incumbent from July 2025, assuming full responsibility in July 2026. The ECFS is seeking candidates with the following qualities for this challenging position: previous international editorial experience, organisational ability, leadership skills, prestige in the field, willingness to devote time to the JCF and ECFS, and the ability to communicate clearly.

A more detailed job description for the role of the JCF Editor-in-Chief can be found below.

To apply, please send a CV and a covering statement of suitability for the post to the ECFS office info@ecfs.eu by the deadline of 18 April 2025. Interviews of selected candidates will be held in June during the 48th European Cystic Fibrosis conference.



Editor in Chief Job Description for Journal of Cystic Fibrosis

Job Description

The Journal of Cystic Fibrosis (JCF) is the official journal of the European Cystic Fibrosis Society (ECFS) and published in the English language on a bi-monthly basis. The JCF is the sole peer-reviewed journal entirely dedicated to cystic fibrosis worldwide. The JCF has an impact factor 2023 of 5.4. It includes original articles, perspectives, reviews, series, editorials and correspondence of the highest quality from professionals on a worldwide scale.

The Journal receives approximately 500 submitted manuscripts each year and utilises a well-established online submission platform through which all peer-review processes take place.

The JCF is an ECFS membership benefit, with the primary delivery format being online. Libraries and institutions may also subscribe to JCF, and this increases its global reach. The Journal is hosted online on the ScienceDirect platform, which offers huge scope for development of resources. The JCF abides by the WAME (World Association of Medical Editors) statement on Editorial freedom, duties and responsibilities (<http://www.wame.org/wamestmt.htm>)

The Editor-in-Chief's position has a 3-year mandate with the possibility of one extension by mutual agreement with the ECFS Board. The Editor-in-Chief is appointed by the ECFS Board but editorial decisions are independent from the Board and other ECFS committees.

Editorial independence and responsibilities

The Editor's duty is to produce the best journal possible for readers. By this, we mean relevant, accessible and timely content to the field of cystic fibrosis.

- a) The Editor-in-Chief must be a member of the ECFS.
- b) The Editor-in-Chief abides by the COPE code of practice for Editors (<http://www.publicationethics.org.uk/guidelines>)
- c) The Editor-in-Chief is a member of the ECFS Board (<https://www.ecfs.eu/society-details/ecfs-board>) and is expected to attend at least two Board meetings each year. The

Editor-in-Chief submits an annual report of the Journal's activities and makes a short presentation at the ECFS AGM.

- d) The Editor-in-Chief follows Elsevier and ECFS policies on, for example, supplement publication and display advertising.
- e) We encourage the Editor-in-Chief to add value to the Journal, for example by (but not limited to) commissioning Editorial commentaries and analysis, reviews and lighter pieces as modern readers want more than simply original research. Proposals for new types of content or variations to existing types must be discussed in advance with the Publishers.
- f) The Editor-in-Chief may seek the advice of the ECFS at any time deemed necessary. In addition, Elsevier will draw attention to Editorial developments and offer advice on how the Journal might possibly be developed.

1. Journal management

- a) The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for compiling manuscripts for each issue. Contributors submit their papers via the "Elsevier Editorial System (EES)". The entire peer review and submissions system is driven by EES and the Editor-in-Chief must use the system. Full training and support will be given. The Editor-in-Chief is also responsible for ensuring that sufficient content is available for publication in forthcoming issues and that this is communicated with Elsevier regularly.
- b) Authors of articles that will not be sent for peer-review should be informed promptly. The Editor is expected to manage the peer-review process aiming for a first decision on articles that go out for peer review to be made within 6 weeks.
- c) The Editor-in-Chief has access to the individual article proofs. These proofs may help when deciding the order of articles in an issue, to view page layout or to help with commissioning accompanying or further comment. It is not the Editor-in-Chief's responsibility to read these proofs in detail.

2. Statistical advice

Statistical errors are known to be common in medical journals, and we urge the Editor-in-Chief to seek statistical advice on articles including statistics or statistical analysis.

3. Editorial board

The function of the Editorial Board is to assist, support and advise the Editor-in-Chief on Editorial policy and content, both proactively and by reviewing past issues of the Journal. The Editor-in-Chief appoints and contacts the Editorial Board and as many associate or deputy Editors as required and appropriate to meet the needs of the Journal. It is essential to define the roles and responsibilities of the Editorial Board members; ECFS and Elsevier are available to advise the Editor-in-Chief in this regard. The JCF is an international journal, so a number of the Editorial Board members should be based outside of Europe. Usually, Editorial Board members are appointed for three-year terms which may be renewed by mutual agreement.

The Editor-in-Chief chairs two Editorial Board meetings per year, in conjunction with the ECFS conference in June and the North American Conference in the fall.

4. Training

Elsevier will provide the new Editor-in-Chief with training to support him/her in carrying-out the processing of manuscripts. The new editor may also be invited to an Elsevier Editor's conference (paid for by Elsevier) to provide information on the wider issues involved with being an Editor-in-Chief if there is one being held in a suitable location.

5. Remuneration

This is a non-remunerated position although financial support is provided for the editorial office by Elsevier and a donation to the incumbent's institution is made by the ECFS. It is expected that the Editor-in-Chief will spend 8 hours/week on JCF activities.