



Call for Applications: Editor-in-Chief
For
American Journal of Evaluation

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

The *American Journal of Evaluation* is a leading scholarly journal, publishing articles on evaluation theory, methods, and practice across a wide array of subject areas. The Editor-in-Chief (or Co-Editors-in-Chief) is responsible for the journal's vision and operations, including soliciting articles, overseeing the peer-review process, making editorial decisions, and curating four issues per year. The Editor-in-Chief assembles and leads a team of Associate and Section Editors and an Editorial Board, and interacts with the journal's publisher, SAGE, and its production editorial team. The Editor-in-Chief is charged with maintaining and enhancing the journal's excellence, visibility, readership, impact, and its relevance to a diverse evaluation field of scholars and practitioners.

The Editor-in-Chief will reflect AEA's values and ends goals through its operations and content. The Editor-in-Chief is appointed by the AEA Board of Directors for a 3-year term, which may be renewed following a satisfactory review of annual performance.

The Editor-in-Chief is a compensated position, and a stipend will be provided to support a part-time managing editor, who will be selected by the Editor-In-Chief.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Establish a vision and plan for executing it, involving an editorial leadership team of Associate Editors, Section Editors, and an Editorial Board.
- Operate and manage the peer review system (Manuscript Central/Scholar One) with integrity, which involves assigning associate/section editors responsibility for ushering manuscript through the review process;
- Represent the journal at appropriate conferences and venues;
- Curate four published issues per year within a page budget, working with the Publisher on production matters;

- With the Managing Editor, ensure that the journal's processes and content align with AEA's mission, vision, and values, and that the review and other processes are carried out with integrity;
- Communicate regularly with AEA President and Executive Director regarding the state of the Journal.

Term:

- Three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2027 (with a three-month overlap/transition period with the current editorial team, October-December 2026).

Criteria:

- AEA Member for at least five (5) years;
- Earned Doctorate degree in evaluation related field;
- Senior or mid-career evaluation scholar with demonstrated deep appreciation for the distinctive and diverse nature of evaluation's theory, methods, and practice and for the breadth and heterogeneity of the profession and its scholarship;
- Demonstrated record of academic and evaluation accomplishments including a strong record of peer-reviewed publications on evaluation;
- Strong working knowledge of the editorial process as an editor, associate or assistant editor, or editorial board member;
- Experience as an effective manager and leader;
- Preference for an applicant with an institutional home that agrees to provide the applicant with needed accommodations to ordinary duties to fulfill the role of Editor-in-Chief.

Compensation: \$15,000 annually

The budget includes support for a Managing Editor.

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Application materials must be submitted to AEA's Executive Director, Anisha Lewis (alewis@eval.org). Packets must include for the applicant, or in the case of a Co-Editor-in-Chief application, both applicants:

- (1) a cover letter that addresses the applicant's qualifications for the role and describes the institutional support available to fulfill it;
- (2) a curriculum vita, and
- (3) the names and contact information for three references who can speak to the applicant's ability to perform the required editorial duties.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide evidence of institutional support for fulfilling the role of Editor-in-Chief, given the substantial commitment of time required to edit a prestigious scholarly journal like *AJE*. Applications will be reviewed by the Publications Task Force, and an appointment will be made by the Board of Directors by Summer 2026 for the expected transition beginning October 2026.