

# Call for JAPA Associate Editors



The *Journal of Aging and Physical Activity* (JAPA) is a multi-disciplinary journal committed to advancing and contributing to the quality of life of ALL older adults around the world by publishing original and innovative research. Now in its 31<sup>st</sup> year of publication, under the guidance of Chief-Editors Lindsay Nagamatsu and Patricia C. Heyn, JAPA is seeking to expand its diverse board of Associate Editors to support the journal mission in generating timely and quality peer review. Presently, the journal has an acceptance rate <20% and an Impact Factor of 2.109.

The Associate Editors are expected to serve for a minimum of two years, including a training period, and their key responsibilities include:

- Manage 3-5 manuscripts at a time through peer review by completing appraisal of the manuscripts for relevance as well as selecting reviewers, compiling the reviewers' recommendations and comments, and making recommendations to revise, accept, or reject a manuscript;
- Provide ongoing and constructive feedback about the journal peer review process;
- Participation in the Editorial Board meetings;
- Promote the journal through professional connections and online presence.

An ideal JAPA Associate Editor should have:

- A PhD (or equivalent) related to gerontology and/or exercise science disciplines;
- Demonstrated expertise in conducting aging and physical activity research;
- Experience in publishing research;
- Experience in reviewing scientific papers that use methodologies related to aging and physical activity, preferably for JAPA or other related journals.

JAPA is committed to maintaining a diverse group of Associate Editors comprising researchers from diverse areas of expertise and all cultures, countries, and backgrounds. Candidates should send a brief letter outlining their interest in the role and any relevant experience, including serving in related roles for other journals, along with their CV to JAPA Editorial Assistant Liz Terhune ([elizabethaterhune@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethaterhune@gmail.com)).

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