

SSO New OA Journal
Editor in Chief Position Description



The Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), the premier surgical oncology society, is currently accepting expressions of interest from qualified applicants for the Editor in Chief position of its new Open Access journal. The journal will include high-quality, peer-reviewed literature in the field of surgical oncology and multidisciplinary cancer care. It will provide strong branding and prestige for the Society and encourage its members to publish research, reviews, and commentary for the benefit of the discipline worldwide. It will also serve as a companion journal to *Annals of Surgical Oncology* (ASO) by publishing additional articles with a clinical focus. The Journal will be launched in March 2023, and the Editor-in-Chief's position will commence at the SSO 2023 International Conference on March 22, 2023.

Journal Vision:

The new OA journal will be an official journal of the Society of Surgical Oncology and is designed to promote innovative findings in surgical cancer care by communicating advances in research and education. It will have a clinical focus and will consider direct submissions of articles, as well as articles submitted to the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* (ASO), which are thought to be more appropriate for the new OA journal. These latter submissions will receive rapid review based on prior ASO peer review.

Responsibilities:

- Develop the mission and vision of the new Journal in conjunction with SSO leadership and the Publications Committee
- Sets editorial policies for the OA Journal in conjunction with SSO leadership and the SSO Publications Committee
- Coordinate with SSO and the Editor-in-Chief of ASO such that content strategies, editorial boards, and marketing efforts complement and enhance each journal's respective strengths and impact
- Appoints effective and prestigious Editorial Board
- Solicits and encourages submission of high-quality original research and provides editorial authority over what is published
- Solicit editorials from experts to provide context, critical review, and a greater understanding of issues raised by in-press manuscripts of interest to the readership
- Interfaces with authors and solicits high-quality manuscripts
- Oversees the manuscript peer-review process and makes final decisions regarding article acceptance in a timely manner
- Maintains strong relationships with the surgical oncology community worldwide
- Leads strategic initiatives to promote the highest quality and growth of the Journal
- Oversees Innovation, especially digital innovation
- Oversees promotion of the Journal through email, social media, and other marketing platforms.
- Oversees development of visual abstracts, video abstracts, podcasts, and other content as appropriate
- Represents the journal to all constituents, including the SSO as well as other international and national societies. Is available to travel; attends global conferences/meetings
- Acts as ambassador to the author/editor/reviewer/scientific community
- Chairs journal Editorial Board meetings
- Works effectively with the Publisher

- Is a spokesperson for the Journal
- Holds regular phone meetings with other Editors and the Executive/Managing Editor
- Provide data and information to the Publications Committee in a timely fashion upon request
- Serves as an ex officio member, without vote, of the SSO Executive Council and attends two meetings annually. Submits summary Editor's report to the Executive Council for distribution at each of these meetings.
- Assures compliance with publishing industry best practices to assure quality and limit liability
- Report directly to the Publications Committee of the SSO

Qualifications:

- Significant editorial or Journal management experience.
- Experience and knowledge about current and future trends in open-access research publishing.
- Exemplary record of scholarly achievement and leadership in the field of surgical oncology.
- Maintains solid ethics.
- Understanding of the surgical oncology research community nationally and internationally.
- Familiarity with published surgical research and the surgical oncology literature. Relates to peers and staff in a positive manner.
- Experience with journal editorial boards via service on one or more major surgery journals.
- Knowledge about periodicals publishing and the peer review process.
- Published, peer-reviewed journal author.
- Academic appointment and active oncology surgeon.
- Sufficient protected time to accommodate the workload.
- Ability to attract respected content experts to the Editorial Board.
- Evidence of organizational leadership and experience with operational, financial, and strategic issues.

Application Process and Timeline:

Please submit expressions of interest (letter of interest and curriculum vitae) to Karen Araujo, Senior Director, Marketing Strategy and Brand Management (karenaraujo@surgonc.org) by January 15, 2023. The Publications Committee will serve as the selection committee and will screen applications, conduct interviews, and make recommendations to the SSO Executive Council for final approval. Interviews will be held during February 2023.

Role of SSO Executive Council:

The SSO Executive Council is responsible for all aspects of publishing the Journal, including its budget and business policies. Journal staffing support is provided by an independent vendor under contract with the Society.

The relationship between the SSO and the editor-in-chief is based on mutual respect and trust, and recognition of each other's authority and responsibilities. The SSO Executive Council will not interfere in the solicitation, evaluation, selection, or editing of individual articles, either directly or by creating an environment in which editorial decisions are strongly influenced.