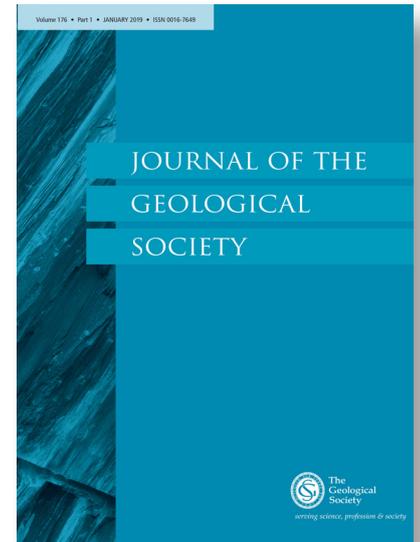


The Geological Society of London (GSL) is looking for a Chief Editor for *Journal of the Geological Society* (JGS) to take the post towards the second half of 2019. The Chief Editor has primary responsibility for the scientific quality and editorial standards for the journal, as well as driving the development and strategy of the journal on a medium to long-term basis. We are seeking someone who is forward-thinking and keen to respond to the challenges of contemporary journal publishing, whilst acting at all times in the best interests of GSL.

Editorial Oversight

On a day-to-day basis the role involves working closely with the JGS Production Editor, with frequent interaction with the Head of Editorial Development and the Marketing team. The Chief Editor will have oversight of the peer review process of manuscripts through an initial suitability and scope assessment, then allocation to the relevant subject editors to handle the peer review process and final decision. The Chief Editor will ensure high editorial standards, good author service and adherence to the GSL's Code of Publishing Ethics in accordance with the COPE guidelines. In collaboration with the Production Editor, copy-flow and rejection rates will be managed to ensure the annual page budget is achieved.



Journal Strategy and Development

The Chief Editor will lead the Editorial Board and be responsible for recruiting a diverse membership, in partnership with GSL staff, as well as advising on its composition and structure. They will chair an annual Editorial Board meeting with the aim of ensuring that JGS meets the needs of its community and ensuring a strong trajectory for the future. An enthusiastic advocate for the journal, the Chief Editor will commission high quality and timely content through their international network of contacts and motivate others to do so. They will also liaise with the Marketing team on targeted initiatives to raise the visibility of JGS.

Society Leadership

The JGS Chief Editor is a member of the GSL Publications and Information Committee which meets three times a year at Burlington House in London and will participate in the annual Chief Editors' Round Table meeting that coincides with one of these. Attendance at these is expected and this is an opportunity to contribute to the development of the entire GSL publishing portfolio during a period of rapid change across the wider publishing landscape. Expenses for attendance at these meetings, and at the annual Editorial Board meeting, are provided as well as a generous annual travel stipend to attend a conference to promote the journal. Applicants do not need to be based in the UK or GSL Fellows, but they should be willing to become a Fellow if successfully appointed to the role.

Please email the following to the Head of Editorial Development: Maggie Simmons
(maggie.simmons@geolsoc.org.uk) by 3 May 2019.

- Your curriculum vitae
- A cover letter addressing your suitability for the role, your knowledge of JGS, how you would ensure fair and timely peer review, and your development plan for the journal.

For any questions about the position or for an informal discussion then please contact Maggie Simmons
(maggie.simmons@geolsoc.org.uk). Informal meetings can be arranged during EGU 2019.