

***Psychosomatics* Editor-in-Chief Job Description**

Introduction

Since 1954 the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (www.clpsychiatry.org) has served as the professional home for psychiatrists working at the interface between mental and physical health. The introduction of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (then known as Psychosomatic Medicine) subspecialty certification in 2005 significantly raised the profile of the field and ACLP now enjoys an expanding membership of nearly 2000 talented physicians. *Psychosomatics* is the official journal of and is owned by ACLP and has been in continuous print since Jan/Feb 1960.

ACLP invites applications for Editor-in-Chief of *Psychosomatics*, the leading psychiatry journal focused on the care of patients with comorbid medical and psychiatric illnesses (www.sciencedirect.com/journal/psychosomatics).

This represents an opportunity for an individual at the peak of his or her career to shape the future of the leading scientific journal in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. ACLP has experienced significant growth under the 13-year outstanding stewardship of the current Editor-in-Chief, Theodore Stern, and the Academy is committed to supporting continued growth over the term of his successor.

Psychosomatics is currently published under a contract with Elsevier that expires December 31, 2020 and is currently being renegotiated for a new five-year term. Elsevier has published the journal since 2011.

Psychosomatics is published bi-monthly and is currently in Volume 61. In 2019, the journal published 642 editorial pages. The journal receives around 375 new submissions annually, with time from submission to first decision provided in about seven days. Approximately 22% of papers are ultimately accepted for publication.

How to Apply

Expressions of interest are accepted online at <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/5314388/ACLP-Journal-EIC-applications> until **March 31, 2020**. A cover letter and CV are required to complete the application process. The cover letter should discuss the candidate's suitability, experience and vision for the role.

The Board of Directors has appointed a task force to manage the selection process. The task force will be developing and interviewing candidates before selecting finalists for interview by the Board of Directors. Interviews will begin in April 2020.

The Editor-in-Chief selection will be announced in August 2020. The incoming editor will serve in a transitional capacity with the current Editor-in-Chief beginning on or around September 1, 2020. The incoming Editor-in-Chief will assume the position of Editor-in-Chief January 1, 2021. The Editor-in-Chief's term is for five years, renewable at the discretion of the Board.

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Journal Aims and Scope

The mission of *Psychosomatics* is to be the leading psychiatry journal focused on the care of patients with comorbid medical and psychiatric illnesses.

The scope of *Psychosomatics* includes original research, review articles and clinical reports that address psychiatric aspects of medical illnesses and their management. Areas of particular interest include: the effect of co-morbid psychiatric conditions on the management of medical illness; the psychiatric management of patients with comorbid medical illness; educational content for physicians and others specializing in consultation-liaison (C-L) psychiatry; and, the provision of psychiatric services to medical populations, including integrated care.

The Editor-in-Chief of *Psychosomatics* will provide vision and leadership for the editorial board.

The main expectations of the Editor-in-Chief consist of the following:

- Work with the Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP) Board of Directors (BOD) to develop and execute a compelling vision for *Psychosomatics*.
- Ensure the quality of content published in *Psychosomatics* and raise its impact factor.
- Enhance the educational value of *Psychosomatics* and foster the goals of the ACLP.
- Promote international interest and readership of *Psychosomatics*.
- Identify and appoint Associate Editors and other members of the Editorial Board who contribute diversity in expertise and representation.
- Solicit high-quality submissions from potential authors, determine final suitability of manuscripts, and assist authors as they develop their manuscripts for publication.
- Maintain a sufficient pool of expert reviewers to reach conclusions and make decisions on manuscripts in a timely manner.

Specific responsibilities

- Work in collaboration with the ACLP BOD and the publisher to set short- and long-term goals and objectives for *Psychosomatics* that advance its value both to the specialty and to ACLP membership.
- Recruit Associate Editors and Editorial Board members, and lead annual meetings of the Editorial Board.
- Work with the Managing Editor to provide exemplary service during the peer review process to authors, reviewers and Editorial Board Members.
- Invite, encourage, and oversee the submission of high-quality and innovative manuscripts, reviews, commentaries, and other features of interest to readers of *Psychosomatics*.
- Lead the Editorial Board in developing and implementing a strategic plan for *Psychosomatics* that is aligned with Board policy and ACLP's vision and mission
- Reflect the ACLP's mission for global reach to attract high-quality authors and subscribers.
- Oversee the process for submission and review of manuscripts to ensure timeliness and adherence to review guidelines.
- Keep abreast of and where necessary work to improve metrics for *Psychosomatics*, including time for first decision, review time, revision time, articles published, rejection rate, Impact Factor, and other quantitative and qualitative measures deemed appropriate by the ACLP BOD.

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- Establish high standards that ensure the currency and accuracy of the contents of each contribution provided for each issue of *Psychosomatics*.
- Establish or adapt policies standard in academic publishing with respect to conflicts of interest and for handling both allegations and findings of scientific misbehavior or misconduct.
- Work directly with the Publisher on editorial and marketing initiatives intended to drive readership and citations for *Psychosomatics*.
- Prepare editorial content sufficient for scheduled issues (presently six per year) in a timely manner, so that all issues are finished no later than the scheduled issue date.
- Ensure the completion of copyediting and proofreading of accepted manuscripts.

Term

The Editor-in-Chief is expected to serve in this position for a five (5) year, potentially renewable, term.

Qualifications

- MD, DO, PhD (or equivalent degree) holder who is actively involved in consultation-liaison psychiatry and either a present member or fellow of ACLP, or commits to becoming a member of ACLP upon selection.
- Demonstrable scholarship and recognized leadership in consultation-liaison (C-L) psychiatry.
- Evidence of capacity to innovate with a clear commitment to enhancing *Psychosomatics'* role as an important and valuable resource for the medical, mental health, and scientific communities.
- Experience as an Editor, Associate Editor, or Editorial Board member for a peer-reviewed journal
- Extensive authorship and editing experience in prominent, peer-reviewed scholarly journals and a proven record of accomplishment for editing and timeliness.
- Ability to identify and solicit journal submissions from a broad network of experts in fields relevant to the content areas of *Psychosomatics*.
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Capacity to meet the time demands of the Editor-in-Chief position of roughly 0.2 FTE (with compensation commensurate with NIH guidelines).