

● Vacancy – Editor (three posts)

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is seeking three new Editors for its journal [Area](#). We are looking to appoint two human geographers and one physical geographer to replace Professor Alan Latham, Professor Sarah Marie Hall and Professor Julian Leyland, whose terms are ending this year. The new editors will join Dr Jeremy Schmidt who was appointed in 2023.

Area publishes high-quality 5,000-word papers and commentaries from across the discipline of geography. We publish empirical research papers as well as ethics and methods-based papers. *Area* is committed to helping early-career and under-represented authors navigate the review process, making it the perfect outlet for emerging scholars and new debates. We offer a prize each year for the best paper in the journal written by an early-career researcher.

The new Editors will have a broad interest in the full range of research undertaken in geography, and will demonstrate a strong interest in, and record of, working with early-career researchers. They will have a commitment to attracting the best scholarship for publication in *Area* while also seeking to diversify the journal's authorship, a collegiate approach to editorial duties and enthusiasm for working as part of a team, the commitment to spending the time needed to make quick and effective decisions, and a sympathetic and diplomatic approach to authors and reviewers.

The editorial processes for *Area* are supported by the Society's Managing Editor, who takes responsibility for much of the submission and review process including initial administrative checks on manuscripts, inviting peer reviewers, and much of the correspondence with reviewers and authors.

We are seeking to appoint editors who are able to handle the breadth of current submissions to the journal (see recent papers [here](#)) and have a strong vision for the future of the journal. We particularly welcome applications from those under-represented in the discipline and in editorial roles.



Area is one of four academic journals of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), alongside *The Geographical Journal*, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* and *Geo: Geography and Environment*. The Society also publishes a Book Series, and *WIRES Climate Change* is published in association with the Society. *Area* is published by Wiley, and administration of the submission and peer review processes are managed online using ScholarOne Manuscripts. A full-time Managing Editor based at the Society supports the four journals.

Letters of interest and plans for *Area* (maximum two pages), along with curriculum vitae and names of two referees who could provide letters of support, should be submitted by **22 November** to Dr Anna Lawrence, Managing Editor of Academic Publications at the Society via journals@rgs.org. All applications will be treated in confidence. Interviews will be held shortly after the close date for



applications, and it is expected that the new editor would start shortly after that. A modest honorarium is awarded. The term will normally be for three to five years.

For further details of the role, please contact Dr Catherine Souch (c.souch@rgs.org), Dr Anna Lawrence (journals@rgs.org), or one of the current editors Dr Jeremy Schmidt (jeremy.schmidt@qmul.ac.uk), Professor Alan Latham (alan.latham@ucl.ac.uk), Professor Sarah Marie Hall (sarah.m.hall@manchester.ac.uk) and Professor Julian Leyland (J.Leyland@soton.ac.uk).