



## Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (UMB)

### **Vacancy: Editor-in-Chief, *Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (UMB)***

The World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) is looking for the next Editor-in-Chief who can continue to shape *Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (UMB)* as a leading international publication, improving knowledge and practice in ultrasound, while maintaining the highest possible standards of originality and excellence. The five year term will begin in 2022.

**Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology** is the official journal of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology. The journal publishes original contributions that demonstrate a novel application of an existing ultrasound technology in clinical diagnostic, interventional and therapeutic applications, new and improved clinical techniques, the physics, engineering and technology of ultrasound in medicine and biology, and the interactions between ultrasound and biological systems, including bioeffects. Extended critical reviews of subjects of contemporary interest in the field are also published, in addition to occasional editorial articles, clinical and technical notes, book reviews, letters to the editor and a calendar of forthcoming meetings. It is the aim of the journal to meet fully the information and publication requirements of the clinicians, scientists, engineers and other professionals who constitute the biomedical ultrasonic community.

The ideal candidate will be a respected clinician/researcher committed to publication excellence with demonstrable editorial experience and a strong vision that advances the journal's international reputation and profile, and mission to publish engaging and informed content. Applicants should have a recognized expertise in the field of ultrasound and a good track record of publishing in high-quality journals. They will appoint and lead the editorial team, actively promoting and strengthening the journal and upholding the highest standards concerning editorial policies and professional practice. They will recognise the need to engage the journal's audiences at all levels, develop its print and online content and extend its reach.

### **About *UMB***

UMB has been published by Elsevier since 1973. With an impact factor of 2.514 it is one of the highly cited and widely read journals in its field (ranked 11/31 in Acoustics and 57/133 in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine). The journal received 1111 submissions in 2020 and had a mean time from submission to first editorial decision of 6.5 weeks in 2020.

The Journal is published 12 times in each year and contains mainly full-length research papers, review type articles, short communications, and other interactive and ancillary material that is of special interest to the readers of the Journal.

## About the role

The Editor-in-Chief will have final responsibility for establishing and managing an editorial office; supervising a managing editor; receiving evaluating and selecting all materials for publication; the editorial content and strategy of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team and Elsevier publishing staff, actively working with WFUMB and the publisher to maintain and improve the journal's standing in the field.

The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of up to two days per week on journal activities.

*The main responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include, but are not limited to:*

- Overall editorial management and development of the Journal, including the coordination of refereeing and submissions
- Have final approval of all materials published in the editorial pages of the Journal
- Providing the highest possible quality of scientific content to augment the knowledge, impact and practice of clinicians involved in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent scientific strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial board and reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high-quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process and providing guidance to authors, reviewers and editorial team members as appropriate
- Developing procedures for effective triage and review of scientific manuscripts to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers
- Adding value to the journal by commissioning editorials, reviews, educational material and online content
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Developing the social media strategy for the title
- Promoting the journal within the scientific community and industry
- To attend WFUMB Administrative Council and Publication Committee meetings

*As Editor in Chief you will benefit from:*

- A substantial fee paid in USD
- Professional advice and guidance on all aspects of journal publishing
- Interaction with the latest research from around the world
- The chance to shape the field and play a role in the development of the specialty
- WFUMB to pay travel expenses and hotel accommodation for the Editor to attend WFUMB Council meetings and WFUMB congresses in accordance with WFUMB's travel policies
- The Publisher will provide complimentary access to ScienceDirect and Scopus to the Editor-in-Chief during the Term, pursuant to terms and conditions of use set and enforced by the Publisher.

## Person Specification

Applicants need not be based in the USA and international applicants are encouraged.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is 5 years renewable once and subject to annual appraisal and review by WFUMB. To ensure a smooth transition it is envisaged that the new Editor-in-Chief will work alongside the current team for several months before taking up the post on 1st January 2022.

<b>Specification</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<i>High level of written and spoken English</i>	Yes	
<i>Higher level degree</i>	Yes	
<i>Significant publication record in ultrasound</i>	Yes	
<i>Editor in chief or deputy editor experience</i>		Yes
<i>Demonstration of a track record of academic excellence</i>	Yes	
<i>Clinical experience</i>		Yes
<i>Presently or recently engaged in a leadership role in academic medicine</i>	Yes	
<i>Demonstration of understanding the role of basic science in ultrasound research</i>		Yes
<i>Excellent leadership skills in particular the ability to motivate and inspire professional staff</i>	Yes	
<i>A strong sense of ethics and integrity including a clear understanding of the ethical guidelines for academic publishing</i>	Yes	
<i>Demonstration of leadership roles within National Ultrasound Societies</i>		Yes
<i>Understanding of the importance of equality and diversity in the workplace</i>	Yes	
<i>High level of organisational skill and editorial and political sensitivity</i>	Yes	

## How to Apply

Please send a full CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role and your vision for the future of UMB. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to have a clear vision for the development of the journal. For more details of the role, please email Rebekah Collins, Senior Publisher, Health Sciences Journals, Elsevier Inc [rebekah.collins@elsevier.com](mailto:rebekah.collins@elsevier.com)

Candidates wishing to speak to the current Editor-in-Chief before making an application may approach Prof Christy Holland in confidence (contact details provided on request).

Canvassing for the EiC position is inappropriate.

Please apply by email to [lrudd@wfumb.org](mailto:lrudd@wfumb.org); and [president@wfumb.org](mailto:president@wfumb.org);

The deadline for applications is **31 May 2021**. Interviews will be held in **June 2021** by videoconference.