

Call for Applications
Editor in Chief
Journal for Healthcare Quality

The National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) universally recognized as the leading resource for healthcare quality professionals, seeks an Editor with a strong track record of scholarship to provide editorial leadership for the *Journal for Healthcare Quality (JHQ)*. *JHQ* is published six times a year on behalf of the Association by Wiley-Blackwell. Now in its 18th year of publication, *JHQ* is recognized as the leading healthcare quality journal both nationally and worldwide. *JHQ* is the primary publication through which NAHQ fulfills its mission of empowering healthcare quality professionals from every specialty by providing vital research, education, networking, certification and professional practice resources, and a strong voice for healthcare quality. For more information on the journal, please visit <http://www.interscience.wiley.com/journal/jhq>

Summary

Through awareness of major healthcare and healthcare quality trends, the Editor in Chief ensures that *JHQ* reflects the state of the science in the field. In collaboration with the NAHQ Board of Directors and publishing partner Wiley-Blackwell, the Editor in Chief ensures that a strategic plan for the journal is established and that the journal's purpose is achieved. The Editor in Chief oversees the management and production of the journal and provides leadership to the Editorial Board, Review Panel, and potential authors. The Editor in Chief is appointed by the NAHQ Board of Directors and is an independent contractor.

Managerial Responsibilities

- Submits to the board annually a set of objectives, both short- and long-term, and operational plans for the journal. Prepares an annual written evaluation of the publication for the NAHQ Board of Directors (October)
- Along with the Editorial Board and staff members of Wiley-Blackwell, evaluates *JHQ* and makes recommendations for revisions to the NAHQ Board of Directors to ensure a high-quality publication consistent with the mission and goals of NAHQ
- Provides oversight of budget development and implementation for the journal
- Maintains regular communication with the NAHQ staff, Wiley-Blackwell staff, and the Editorial Board and members of the Review Panel, providing coaching and support as needed
- Maintains regular communication with the NAHQ Board of Directors through the Professional Development Director (Board Liaison to *JHQ*).
- Oversees planning and implementation of a writing and publishing workshop at the NAHQ annual conference

- Participates as a team leader in the appropriate governance functions of the association
- Represents the association in an official capacity as requested by the NAHQ Board of Directors

***JHQ* Team Responsibilities**

- Invite, orient, and oversee an international editorial board and panel of reviewers
- Establishes agenda for and chairs *JHQ* team meetings and teleconferences
- Works with the Editorial Board and members of the Review Panel to establish annual objectives and assigns responsibilities for achieving those objectives
- Reviews the performance of and identifies candidates for the Editorial Board and Review Panel on the basis of stated qualifications and recommends candidates to the President-Elect for approval by the NAHQ Board of Directors
- Ensures that the *JHQ* team utilizes current electronic communication methods
- Designs and implements an orientation process for newly appointed team members

Editorial Responsibilities

The editor, in collaboration with the editorial board, NAHQ and Wiley-Blackwell Publishing staff will:

- Develop and implement a targeted editorial plan to identify and actively recruit the best authors to submit manuscripts on a diverse array of topics of interest to healthcare quality professionals working in a wide range of settings globally.
- Identify and facilitate critical partnerships with key global players in healthcare to increase the dissemination of the journal and its content.
- Decide on the content of each issue and ensure the delivery of the journal is fully coordinated with the strategic directions and priorities identified by NAHQ.
- Oversee the peer-review process for regular articles and column submissions with the editorial assistant using Manuscript Central.
- Review and correct the first and last proofs of each issue, including the advertisements.
- Annually review guidelines for authors, manuscript evaluation forms, and materials in the manuscript management tool; work with journal staff to make revisions as needed.

Compensation

The Editor in Chief receives an annual honorarium, full financial support to attend the NAHQ annual conference, and reimbursement for expenses directly related to the journal. Honorarium will be commensurate with experience.

Evaluation

The Editor in Chief is evaluated annually by the Professional Development Director (Board Liaison to *JHQ*) on the basis of feedback from the *JHQ* team members and NAHQ staff.

Qualifications

- Master's degree
- Excellent record of publication in appropriate leading peer-reviewed journals
- Keen understanding, of the current state of healthcare quality trends and issues
- Solid editorial and peer review experience in healthcare research, scholarship or practice
- Established relationships with healthcare leaders and institutions globally
- Experience of or the willingness to work with current electronic publishing technology
- Demonstrated management experience and organizational skills
- Experience in the field of healthcare quality
- Member of or willingness to join NAHQ
- Evidence of high motivation and ability to inspire others

The term of the editor will begin July 1, 2009.

Please send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, contact information for three professional references, and a vision statement of 500 words or fewer summarizing your views on healthcare quality research, practice, and scholarship, and the ways in which, under your editorial leadership, the *Journal for Healthcare Quality* would continue to advance the work of healthcare quality professionals.

Deadline for submission of applications: Thursday, May 8, 2009.

Please submit all materials *electronically* to jhq@nahq.org.

Applications should be addressed to

Nancy Terwoord

Professional Development Director and Chair of Search Team for *JHQ* Editor in Chief

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Note: Please use “*JHQ* Editor in Chief Application” in the subject line of your e-mail message.

