

Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology (JMCC)

Junior Reviewer Guidelines

About JMCC:

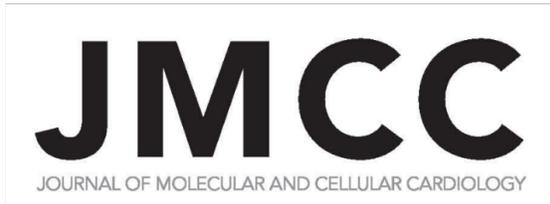
The *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology* is the official journal of the International Society for Heart Research (ISHR). JMCC publishes work advancing knowledge of the mechanisms responsible for both normal and diseased cardiovascular function. To this end papers are published in all relevant areas. These include (but are not limited to): structural biology; genetics; proteomics; morphology; stem cells; molecular biology; metabolism; biophysics; bioengineering; computational modeling and systems analysis; electrophysiology; pharmacology and physiology. Papers are encouraged with both basic and translational approaches. The journal is directed not only to basic scientists but also to clinical cardiologists who wish to follow the rapidly advancing frontiers of basic knowledge of the heart and circulation.

About the Junior Reviewer Program:

Rigorous peer review is essential to good scientific research. In 2020, JMCC is implementing a new Junior Reviewer program to support and encourage early career investigators who wish to contribute to the scientific community. Junior Reviewers are early career scientists with knowledge of cardiology research within the journal's scope, who are interested in providing constructive feedback for journal submissions and refining their reviewing skills.

Junior Reviewers will be partnered with one of JMCC's Associate Editors for assignment as a reviewer on future submissions to the journal. In order to be considered as Junior Reviewer, individuals must meet the following criteria:

1. Current member of ISHR
2. Early career investigator: senior post-doctoral fellow or beginning faculty
3. Current knowledge of cardiology research within at least one of the journal's areas of focus: Signaling, Metabolism/Physiology, Muscle/E-C Coupling, Genetics/Genomics, Vascular Biology, Bioengineering
4. Willingness to complete 3-5 reviews per year in a timely manner.
5. Willingness to use provided resources and respond to mentor feedback to continuously improve review quality



Junior Reviewers will be provided with resources for good peer review, and receive feedback and mentorship from their assigned Associate Editor. They will also have access to the senior reviews of the paper for educational purposes.

Participating in the JMCC Junior Reviewer program

To be considered for the Junior Reviewer program, please submit the following to Jenny Kimbel, Managing Editor, at Kimbel.jenny@gmail.com:

1. Cover letter which includes: your current institution and title, contact information, and a brief description (approx. 150 words) of your current research and areas of focus. Please also confirm that you are current member of ISHR in your letter.
2. Your CV

The number of Junior Reviewers in the program may be limited. New Junior Reviewers will be added to the program on an annual basis.