CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: EDITOR-IN-CHIEF NONPROFIT POLICY FORUM

Nonprofit Policy Forum is a peer-reviewed, open access, international, quarterly research journal that focuses on the interface between the nonprofit sector and public policy. It began publication in 2009 and is now in its 11th volume. NPF is listed in the major recognized citation indexes including SCOPUS, the Web of Science – Emerging Sources Citation Index, and the Directory of Open Access Journals. NPF is published on-line by De Gruyter Publishers. The journal is currently supported by five institutional sponsors: The Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs of the University of Minnesota, The Urban Institute, the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), the Stockholm Center for Civil Society Studies of the Stockholm School of Economics, and the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. ARNOVA serves as fiscal agent for NPF, managing the collection and disbursement of sponsorship funds.

The editor-in-chief, under contract with De Gruyter, is responsible for assembling the content of the journal and ensuring its timely publication on a quarterly basis. This responsibility includes overseeing a rigorous peer-review process, using the ScholarOne system, to ensure the quality and validity of the published articles as well as features of the journal such as book reviews, case studies, interviews and other special content. Each issue of the journal normally consists of five double-blind peer-reviewed research articles and at least one feature article. Special issues of the journal, which engage guest-editors, are often published on specialized themes or topics. More details on the nature and content of the journal may be found at https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf.

In consultation with the journal’s sponsors, the editor-in-chief appoints members of NPF’s editorial board who serve as reviewers and advisors. The editor-in-chief is also responsible for setting future editorial direction for Nonprofit Policy Forum in order to further develop NPF’s reputation as a leading research journal in the field of nonprofits and public policy. The editor-in-chief must also ensure that sufficient resources are maintained to underwrite the continued publication of the journal in open access format. The latter entails maintaining a sufficient number of financial sponsors to offset production costs, expand marketing and promotional efforts in the academic and policy communities, and engage paid or volunteer staff to ensure a timely and rigorous process of review and issue planning. Preference will be given to candidates who belong to an academic or research institution that is currently, or intends to become, a financial sponsor of the journal and is willing to provide support for the editor’s involvement in the journal. Applications by prospective teams of co-editors will also be considered.

Review of applications will start on March 1, 2020 with an anticipated closing date of March 30th. The selected candidate for editor-in-chief will begin his or her duties in 2020 once a contract is signed, and arrangements made to take over from the current (founding) editor-in-chief. The nominal start date is July 1, 2020. The term of office will be two years, renewable for additional one year terms, pending approval of the publisher and the journal’s sponsors.

Criteria for selection include scholarly reputation and record of publications, management experience, entrepreneurial ability, commitment of the candidate’s home institution, and interest and familiarity with the fields of public policy, nonprofit organizations and the social economy. Candidates from a variety of disciplines will be considered including public policy, nonprofit studies, law, political science and economics. Candidates will be screened and evaluated by a search committee appointed by the journal’s sponsors. The
selected candidate will be referred to the publisher for negotiation of the contract. Candidates or their nominators should send a letter of nomination to the chair of the search committee, along with a copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a one to two-page statement from the candidate stating the candidate’s reasons for seeking the position, her or his qualifications, the likelihood of the candidate’s home institution becoming a financial sponsor of *NPF*, and the candidate’s vision for the future of *Nonprofit Policy Forum*. Nominations should be addressed and sent as word document or pdf attachments by e-mail to:

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