



Co-Editor in Chief of *Voluntas*
The International Journal of Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations

The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) invites nominations for a Co-Editor in Chief of its official journal, *Voluntas*. The journal publishes original peer-reviewed manuscripts and book reviews from a plurality of disciplinary, methodological, and international perspectives on nonprofit organizations and voluntary action.

This is an exciting time for *Voluntas*. In 2026, *Voluntas* is transitioning to an open access journal published by Cambridge University Press, presenting new opportunities amid rapid changes in scholarly publishing, including the impact of AI. The incoming Co-Editor will play a key role in guiding the journal's adaptation to this evolving environment.

Term

Three-year term beginning January 1, 2027, renewable once by mutual agreement.

Responsibilities:

Working with the current Co-Editors, Galia Chimiak Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland, and Marlene Walk of Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, the Co-Editor, will:

1. Oversee editorial development and content, ensuring high standards for all published work.
2. Provide the publisher with accepted manuscripts and editorial material for six annual issues.
3. Appoint Associate Editors, Book Editors, and an internationally representative Editorial Board in consultation with ISTR.
4. Convene annual Editorial Board meetings (virtual or at the ISTR International Conference).
5. Select Guest Editors for thematic issues.
6. Promote the journal within relevant academic communities and at professional meetings and maintain communication with editors of related journals.
7. Submit annual written reports to the ISTR Board of Directors.
8. Participate in Publication Committee meetings as requested.

Qualifications:

1. Advanced degree in social sciences and a senior academic or research position.
2. Significant publication record in relevant fields.
3. Excellent English writing and editorial skills.
4. Experience in international and interdisciplinary research.
5. Ability to collaborate with a diverse, global community of scholars.

The selection committee will consider academic and geographic balance among editors, the candidate's institutional support, capacity, and association with ISTR.

Subsidy

ISTR provides a small subsidy to each Co-Editor to cover editorial and related costs. In 2025, this amount was approximately \$11,000 per year.

Selection Committee

The Editorial Selection Committee is chaired by Allison Schnable, ISTR President-Elect and will interview finalists in April/May 2026. The committee will make its recommendation to the ISTR Board of Directors in advance of the 17th International Conference in Lisbon in July 2026.

Application: Deadline April 1, 2026

Please submit expressions of interest via the submission form [here](#).

Applications should include:

1. a full *curriculum vitae*, including a list of publications and past editorial experience; and
2. a 2-3 page statement of a vision for *Voluntas*, assessing the journal's strengths and limitations, indicating the topics or issues it ought to address, and discussing the candidate's capacity and support, if any, the potential editor's home institution will be able to provide.

