



Apply to be an Editor for the Journal of the Polynesian Society

The Polynesian Society is seeking new editors for the journal.

Established in 1892, The Journal of the Polynesian Society has had a long and storied whakapapa (genealogy). It has stood as a major scholarly forum, with a commitment to building knowledge with, for, and about New Zealand Māori and all other peoples of Pacific/Oceanic heritage, including those of areas often known as Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia. The Council of the Polynesian Society is seeking applicants with vision for leading the journal into the future.

Published by the Polynesian Society Incorporated, the journal has four issues a year, with authors and subscribers worldwide. It is among the top 100 anthropology journals worldwide, ranking 66th out of 93 (Journal Citation Reports, 2020). Further, it has been an important fount of and repository for Pacific knowledge for over a century. The journal also publishes special issues and occasional monographs on topics relating to the peoples of Oceania, including Aotearoa New Zealand.

Responsibilities and Qualifications:

Major responsibilities of the editor(s) include:

- Communicating in a timely and transparent manner with prospective authors, reviewers, and Council;
- Maintaining ethical, rigorous, and supportive peer review processes for scholars at varied career stages;
- Managing the peer review process in a timely and professional manner;
- Assist authors in developing their manuscripts for publication, including early career scholars;
- Working closely with the Copy Editor and Production Manager to meet issue deadlines, including copy-editing and proof-reading stages;
- Participating in Council meetings and the AGM, and report on the journal processes.

Currently, the journal has one editor supported by a book review editor and a copy editor. The Council of the Polynesian Society is responsible for the journal's governance. It plans to appoint a small team of editors with lead and associate roles moving forward. The newly appointed editors would initially receive support from the outgoing Editor. Further, an international editorial board has been approved in principle, and it is anticipated that the editorial team will work closely with the board once appointed. Editors would normally serve ex-officio as members of the Council, which usually meets three times a year.

The editor(s) will receive a small honorarium; we encourage successful applicant(s) to also seek support from their institutions. Māori and Pacific/Islander candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

More senior applicants would normally:

- Be senior (or recently retired) academics holding the rank of Associate Professor or above, with a strong research and publication background in an area relevant to the journal;

- Have previous experience in editing, for example, a journal, a special issue, an edited book, or as a member of an editorial board;
- Have a scholarly network that reflects the Journal's disciplinary and geographic focus;
- Have familiarity with online publishing platforms and proficiency with software applications for managing and publishing scholarly journals (e.g., OJS).

Less senior applicants would normally:

- Be appointed in a full-time, permanent academic role (typically holding the rank of Senior Lecturer or equivalent) with active ongoing research;
- Have some previous experience in editing, for example, a journal, a special issue, or an edited book;
- Have an emerging research and publication record in an area relevant to the journal, with strong potential for future work;
- Have an emergent scholarly network that reflects the Journal's disciplinary and geographic focus;
- Have familiarity with or willingness to learn publishing platforms and applications.

Further information:

For further information please contact the President of the Polynesian Society, AP Marama Muru-Lanning [m.murulanning@auckland.ac.nz].

Applications:

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and CV electronically to the Honorary Secretary of the Polynesian Society, Dr Lisa Uperesa [jps@auckland.ac.nz]. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, please apply by **1 April 2022**.