Call for Applications: EDITOR-IN-CHIEF for the JOURNAL OF NUMERICAL COGNITION (JNC), 2024-2027

The [Journal of Numerical Cognition](#) (JNC) is the official journal of the [Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society (MCLS)](#) and is now calling for applications for Editor-in-Chief. We particularly encourage women and individuals from minority backgrounds to apply.

JNC is a free-to-publish, open access and peer-reviewed journal publishing original studies, critical commentaries, theoretical position statements and book reviews relevant to the area. The main objective of this Journal is to provide a scholarly forum for the focused discussion of research into numerical cognition. The Journal scope encompasses experimental and applied research in mathematical cognition and related cognitive areas such as spatial, mnemonics, language, and welcomes research for its quality, regardless of whether its origins are in Psychology, Education, Cognitive Neuroscience or other disciplines.

The journal aims to be inclusive and emphasizes scholarship, whilst also seeking to bridge theory and practice. The journal strives to represent the vibrancy and innovation of empirical work and ideas in the field, and showcase the best contemporary research. It seeks to have a worldwide audience, which the open access model facilitates.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the overall management of the journal. They are responsible for appointing a deputy EiC (in case of a single EiC), Associate-Editors and members of the Editorial Board and will work closely with the appointed editorial team. During the composition of the Editorial Board, diversity (e.g., gender, ethnicity, geographical origin) needs to be maintained and be representative of the MCLS's member structure. The MCLS Board is open to the proposition of a dual-head EiC rather than a EiC and a deputy. The Editor shall report to the MCLS Board at regularly scheduled or special meetings, and the editorial team may be subject to approval by the Board.

The editorship has no financial compensation but a fee will be provided to cover the costs of travel and accommodation as well as a registration fee waiver for the MCLS meetings.

The Editor-in-Chief will oversee a system for ensuring that manuscripts are adequately reviewed by qualified experts from the journal's Editorial Board or other individuals with relevant expertise. The Editor-in-Chief is empowered to make the final decision regarding the disposition of any materials submitted for publication in the editorial text of the journal. The Editor and Section Editors work towards achieving specific goals, and have established smooth routines for handling incoming manuscripts and decisions on publication. Additional duties consist of: initially screening the submitted articles, assigning them to section editors with relevant knowledge or declining inappropriate submissions, screening for plagiarism and statistical soundness (when possible). The EiC guarantees an overall balanced workload across Section Editors and serves as a bridge between the society, the readership, the publisher, and the authors.

The editorship is a 3-year term that will be voted by the MCLS Board and the current Editor-in-Chief. The newly selected Editor will spend the initial months (October to December) shadowing the current Editor-in-Chief Prof. Dr. André Knops, to learn the position and facilitate transition.

The Editor of JNC (and any proposed Action Editors) is expected to:

• Have a clear vision for the journal

• Be well-known and respected in the field of numerical and mathematical cognition

• Have a good grasp of current evolutions in the field (method- and content-wise)

• Be a good manager and be able to sustain the level of work required to produce the journal for 4 years (~0.5 days per week)

• Exercise good judgment in selecting an editorial board and reviewers and be able to communicate effectively and sensitively with authors, reviewers, and editorial board members

• Have prior editorial experience

• Maintain the highest ethical standards with respect to scientific publication

• Be committed to the principles of Open Science

• Be a member of the Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society for the duration of their term

To apply, please provide the following:

• Brief letter of application

• Your curriculum vitae

• Statement of your conception of the journal including:

> the kinds of articles you would like to see published

> the kinds of innovations you would want to introduce

> thoughts related to diversity, equity, and inclusion among associate editors/editorial board staffing and the science relevant to the journal

Expressions of interest are due by June 20 2024 through this google form:
https://forms.gle/N8WJaBToKBbLVn6p7

Full applications are due by July 20 2024, and will be reviewed within 30 days of the submission deadline.

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