

Global Heart Journal Editor-in-Chief

World Heart Federation (WHF) is looking for an Editor-in-Chief for its official journal Global Heart. The mandate starts on 1 January 2025, for an initial three-year period, renewable once.

About the position

Global Heart (GH) is the main scientific publication of WHF. It features peer-reviewed, scientific articles relevant to international CV health issues as well as practical, informative articles aimed at clinicians, non-physician extenders, epidemiologists, policy makers and social scientists. The Journal was reinitiated in 2011 by Dr. Narula and was duly included in PubMed National Library of Medicine. It published 66 articles in 2023. The acceptance rate for the original manuscripts currently stands at 32%. The Impact Factor is 3.70 in 2023.

While preserving the editorial independence of the publication, the Editor reports to WHF Board through the WHF CEO and is responsible for the smooth running of the publication, for the quality of the content and for raising its profile as the flagship journal of WHF.

It is an open access journal published by Ubiquity Press, which is responsible for its production, technical editing, marketing, subscriptions and financial reporting. The Editor is in regular contact with the Ubiquity Press publication manager. Remuneration is based on the fixed amount agreed.

The main role of the Editor is to attract and select the best possible papers through an efficient and rigorous peer-review system. Manuscript submission, reviewing and handling is carried out through the Editorial Manager Ubiquity Press platform.

Editorial Policy

One of the missions of GH as the official publication of WHF is to publicize the activities of the Federation to a wider audience and reflect the international profile of WHF. It should be a flagship for WHF vision and activities: advocacy and development of policy, roadmaps, policy statements, congress abstracts, position papers, WHF activities promotion.

Also, it is expected that Global Heart becomes one of the top journals on global cardiovascular research aligned with WHF vision “cardiovascular health for everyone”. Global cardiovascular research refers to scientific investigations conducted on a global scale to advance our understanding of cardiovascular diseases and develop effective strategies for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management. It involves collaboration among researchers from different disciplines and geographies and its final aim is to improve cardiovascular health outcomes globally with a strong emphasis on equity. Some of the examples of specific to be included are : *implementation research, epidemiological studies, health systems research, global clinical trials, air pollution/climate change and CVDs, research on CVD disparities and inequities, and social determinants of CVD*, among others.

Activities and responsibilities

Strategic Leadership and Vision

- **Develop and Implement Editorial Strategy:** Define and implement the journal's editorial strategy according to the WHF Board vision for Global Heart.
- **Promote Journal Growth:** Work on initiatives to increase the journal's impact factor, readership, and submissions of high-quality research.
- **Enhance Journal Visibility:** Develop strategies to enhance the visibility and reputation of the journal within the global scientific community.
- **Expand Journal Scope:** Identify opportunities to expand the journal's scope to include emerging research areas in global cardiovascular research.
- **Promote Diversity:** Actively work to ensure diversity and inclusion in the journal's authorship, peer reviewers, and editorial board to reflect the global nature of WHF and the journal.

Editorial Oversight

- **Manuscript Decision Making:** Oversee the peer review process, making final decisions on manuscript acceptance, rejection, or revision based on reviewers' feedback and editorial standards.
- **Editorial Board Management:** Recruit, manage, and engage an international editorial board and peer reviewers, fostering a culture of excellence and integrity.
- **Quality Control:** Ensure the high quality of published content through rigorous peer review and adherence to ethical guidelines.
- **Editorial Workflow Management:** Oversee the manuscript submission, peer review, and publication process to ensure efficiency and timeliness.
- **Compliance and Ethics:** Ensure compliance with ethical standards in publishing, including handling conflicts of interest, plagiarism, and research misconduct.
- **Budget and Resource Management:** Manage the journal's budget and resources.

Community Engagement and Networking

- **Represent the Journal:** Act as the public face of the journal, representing it at conferences, workshops, and meetings.
- **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Collaborate with academic institutions, research organizations, and funding bodies to support cardiovascular health research and publication.
- **Advocate for Cardiovascular Health:** Use the platform to advocate for issues related to global cardiovascular health, including research funding, policy changes, and public awareness.

Operational and Administrative

- **Data Analysis and Reporting to the WHF Board:** Analyze publication data and key performance indicators to inform strategic decisions, report on the journal's performance, and identify areas for improvement.

Expected skills and evaluation criteria for the position of GH Editor

Skills and Qualifications Required for the Chief Editor Position

The ideal candidate should possess a unique blend of academic qualifications, professional experience, and personal competencies to effectively lead the journal and contribute to the advancement of global cardiovascular health. Below is a detailed outline of the skills and qualifications required based on the provided criteria:

Academic and Professional Credentials

- **Ph.D. or M.D. in Cardiovascular Medicine or Related Field:** The candidate must have an advanced degree in cardiovascular medicine or a closely related discipline.
- **Recognized International Research Role:** A strong track record of publications in reputable, peer-reviewed journals is essential..

Editorial Experience

- **Editorial Role Experience:** Prior experience in editorial roles, such as serving on editorial boards, as an associate editor, or in other editorial capacities.

Leadership and Management Skills

- **Leadership Experience in Global Cardiovascular Health Organizations:** Experience in leading roles within global health organizations, particularly those focused on cardiovascular health.
- **Management Skills (Strategic Planning):** The candidate should have demonstrated ability in strategic planning and management.

Application and selection procedure:

The Search Committee will be the WHF Executive Committee. Direct applications or recommendations of individuals should be sent to the CEO (by email) by 22 May, 2024. The Search Committee can approach individuals directly.

To apply for the position interested candidates are required to demonstrate how they meet the essential qualifications and experience for the role.

Applicants are also asked to prepare and submit a strategic document outlining their proposed approach to achieve the World Heart Federation's vision for the journal (maximum 2 pages).

Candidates do not need to receive the endorsement of their national associations but should be in good standing with it.

Short-listed candidates may be invited for a phone interview or asked to make a presentation to the Search Committee at ESC, London. The WHF Board will take the final decision at the WHF Board meeting by 5 September 2024. The mandate will start officially on 1 January 2025.

For further information, interested candidates may contact WHF CEO, Dr. Jean-Luc Eiselé email jeanluc.eisele@worldheart.org or +41 76 389 0202 (Mobile)

Closing date for receiving applications 22 May 2024