

## **Political Psychology Seeks New Editors**

The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) invites proposals from individuals or teams to succeed the current editorial team for the journal, *Political Psychology*. The journal currently receives nearly 500 submissions per year and is edited by an international and multi-institutional team of ten editors (editor-in-chief, co-editors, and associate editors). The editors work closely with the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell to ensure timely submissions, reports annually to the ISPP Governing Council and submits an annual budget. The new editors will assume a five-year term from February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2025, and begin the six-month transition July 31, 2019. The ISPP seeks prospective candidates who have a proven record of scholarship and demonstrated leadership in the field of political psychology, and have the capacity and judgment to carry out the varied roles of editor. Teams with members from multiple institutions, as well as teams from within the same institution, are encouraged to apply.

Proposals from the prospective editorial team should provide a vision for the future of Political Psychology, its intellectual support of the ISPP membership, and international research on political psychology in general. Narratives of no more than 6,000 words should include a statement of the goals and rationale for editing the journal, the prospective editor's plans to lead the journal over the next 5-year term, ideas for special issues, forums, debates, securing timely reviews, innovative ways to disseminate the journal's content, and strategies to increase Political Psychology's scholarly impact. The proposal should include a description of the proposed editorial team, and explain how this group will ensure diversity of intellectual perspectives in the field as well as geographic diversity (in regard to editors and editorial board, authors, and journal content), be inclusive of the multitude of theoretical and methodological approaches, maintain the quality of scholarship, and support representation of emerging content, topics and methodological approaches. The proposal should also contain an editorial operational strategy (e.g., dispute mediation). Supporting documentation should include letters of institutional support, CVs of the editorial team, and a proposed budget.

Applicants should submit preliminary proposals (expressions of interest) by July 1, 2018. We will conduct a limited review of expressions of interest submitted by July 1, and provide comments on the organizational aspects of preliminary proposals to assist candidates in submitting the full proposals. The deadline for full proposals is October 31, 2018. Optional meetings with candidates are possible at the annual meeting in July 2018, or shortly after via skype. A recommendation for the new editors will be given to the society by January 2019 and voted on (at ISPP's governing council midwinter meeting).

We strive for an editorial team that represents both disciplinary and geographic diversity. We strongly encourage applications from the Global South, and other regions and institutions that are often underrepresented in academic publishing. Applications from teams that include a mix of editors from different parts of the world are also strongly encouraged.

While the ISPP provides some financial support for the journal office, applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain additional financial support from their home institutions. At least one member of the editorial team should have some institutional support. Such support can come in various forms and might include one or more of the following: release from teaching for the editor(s), funding editorial assistants, additional travel costs. The prospective editorial team should have colleagues or students on site in at least one of the institutions involved to assist the work of the main editor. This information (a description of the institutional support available and demonstrated feasibility of the workload given

other obligations such as teaching) is a necessary part of the proposal and is one of several criteria that will be used to evaluate it (where strengths in one aspect may balance weaknesses in others). Details on the journal's current budget will be provided to teams who seek to submit a proposal. Please contact the chair of the Publications Committee, Johanna Ray Vollhardt (jvollhardt@clarku.edu) or the Central Office Executive Director, Sev Bennett (sbennett@ispp.org) for this information.

Please submit applications electronically to the ISPP Publications Committee Chair, Johanna Ray Vollhardt, jvollhardt@clarku.edu. Questions regarding the application procedure can also be directed to any member of the selection committee: Kevin Durrheim (Durrheim@ukzn.ac.za ), Stanley Feldman (stanley.feldman@stonybrook.edu), Eran Halperin (eranh75@hotmail.com), and Catarina Kinnvall (catarina.kinnvall@svet.lu.se).