



Call for Editor-in-Chief

The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma seeks applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief for *Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open*

The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma is conducting a search for the next editor of *Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open*. The successful candidate will be selected by the AAST Board of Managers in April 2022.

Dr. Timothy Fabian, the inaugural Editor-in-Chief, has developed TSACO into a recognized peer-review open access journal. TSACO is indexed in PubMed Central, Scopus, Google Scholar, and the Directory of Open Access Journals. Most recently, it was accepted in the Emerging Sources Citation Index, the first phase to obtaining an impact factor.

AAST is looking for a dynamic and enthusiastic Editor to continue the trajectory of TSACO while at the same time taking TSACO to the next level with high-quality published manuscripts, global visibility and impact factor. (We anticipate that TSACO will receive an impact factor in 2023.)

The selected editor will be integrally involved in the running the Journal, including its aims and scope, structure of the editorial board, and review process. The official term of service will be five years with at least a three-month transition period with the current editor.

Qualifications and Responsibilities

The AAST is now accepting applications from Active Members interested in serving as Editor-in-Chief. Candidates for the editor position should have

- An established reputation in Acute Care Surgery (Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency Surgery)
- A sustained history of clinical and/or basic science research

Desired qualifications include a reputation for fairness and inclusion, exceptional communication skills, evidence of academic activity, and a proven history of management skills. Applicants should have the ability to attract and retain respected experts to serve on the Journal's editorial board and have employer or institutional support for dedicated time to the Journal.

The primary responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal include:

- Providing a clear vision for the direction of the Journal
- Directing the peer review of over 250 manuscripts per year
- Maintaining an ethical and timely peer review process
- Developing TSACO into a world recognized peer-review journal with global reach

Appointment Process

Interested applicants should prepare and submit the following via email:

- **Letter of application** describing your qualifications for the role of editor-in-chief, including a summary of any previous editorial experience, capacity to manage deadlines and retain stakeholders, and demonstrated scholarship in the field.
- **Vision and mission** for *Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open*. This statement should articulate your goals and plans for the Journal as a whole, as well as how to attract cutting-edge science and develop a global strategy.
- **Evidence of institutional/employer support**, such as correspondence or other documentation from your department that describes the level of dedicated time available should you be selected for the position.
- **Current curriculum vitae**
- **Any additional relevant information**

All documentation must be submitted by **December 5, 2021**, to sgautschy@aast.org.

All letters should be addressed as follows:

Dr. David A. Spain, MD

Chair, Journals Oversight Committee and TSACO Search Committee

IMPORTANT: All applications **MUST BE** emailed to Sharon Gautschy at sgautschy@aast.org. A confirmation will be sent via email within three business days after submission.

Editor Selection Timeline (subject to change):

October 27, 2021: Call for Editor-in-Chief sent to the AAST Membership

December 5, 2021: Applications Due

Week of January 24, 2022: First round of interviews

Week of March 14, 2022: Second round of interviews

April 6 or 7, 2022: Third rounds of interviews with the AAST Board of Managers (if needed)

By May 1, 2022: Candidate notified of selection

July 1-December 2022: Transition period

January 1, 2023: Begin first term as Editor-in-Chief

If interested and want to see the September 2021 publishers report or to talk to Dr. Fabian, TSACO Editor-in-Chief, or Kathy Lyons, TSACO Publisher, please contact Sharon Gautschy at sgautschy@aast.org.

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