

Call for Applications: Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Intensive Care Society (JICS)

The [Journal of the Intensive Care Society \(JICS\)](#) is the official journal of the UK [Intensive Care Society](#).

The Society is accepting Editor-in-Chief applications for the role which is expected to commence December 2025.

JICS is a UK-based, peer-reviewed journal published four times a year in February, May, August and November, and online ahead of publication on the [journal's website](#). The journal publishes original research, narrative reviews, systematic reviews, guidelines and study protocols relevant to everyone involved in caring for adult critically ill patients. The editorial board recognises the multi-professional nature of intensive and critical care and encourages submissions from all related professionals. The journal seeks to engage a broad range of clinicians, scholars and community leaders in an ongoing exchange of information through scholarly articles, including original research, brief research reports, literature reviews, quality improvement reports, evidenced-based innovations in clinical practice or policy, and letters to the editor.

The journal is indexed in CINAHL, Clarivate Analytics: Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, ProQuest, Prouis Science Integrity®, PubMed Central (PMC), SafetyLit, Scopus.

The Journal has an impact factor of 1.4

Overview of the role of the Editor-in-Chief (EiC)

The EiC will have a clear vision of appropriate journal content based on the Intensive Care Society's charitable purpose and mission and strategy, the needs and interests of readers, the most promising areas of research in the field, and the extent to which the journal should try to attract and publish this research.

The EiC will work with the publisher, Sage Journals, to ensure high quality peer review and timely and accurate delivery of manuscripts for publication. The EiC will be responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and making final decisions on submissions to the journal, and will manage all aspects of the publication and review process using the ScholarOne submission and review platform.

The EiC is expected to maintain timely and effective communication, advance journal performance, and uphold the Society's values. The Editor works with an editorial board and selects a cadre of manuscript reviewers in association with the editorial board.

The JICS Editor-in-Chief is an independent contractor, and reports to the Society's Chief Executive Officer on behalf of Trustee Board and Council. The EiC is also a Special Advisor to Council which meets 4 times a year.

The EiC role is remunerated, and the Society provides support for the Editor to attend its annual congress, State of the Art.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Frame journal editorial policy jointly with Sage Journals, working with the editorial team on development plans, indexing strategy, etc.
- Adhere to Sage Journals policies including those for publishing ethics and dignity at work.

- Ensure an adequate flow of material to meet the publication schedules and escalate irregular submissions (incl. surge or reduction)
- Work with the editorial team/editorial board to prepare Special Issues as appropriate
- Assist in the appointment of other members of the editorial team for the journal
- Represent and promote the Journal at conference(s) including the ICS State of the Art Congress.
- Make final decisions on the acceptance or rejection of articles submitted to the journal. In all cases the Editor's decision on a paper will be final
- Manage author appeals regarding decisions
- Chair Editorial Board Meetings

Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Membership	Intensive Care Society member	
Current post	Senior Clinician in Critical Care	
Experience	A strong track record in research Experience as an editor, associate editor or editorial board member of a peer reviewed journal Proficiency in digital publication tools	Experience with ScholarOne
Personal	Demonstrated leadership and strategic planning abilities. Excellent communication skills Responsive and solutions-oriented approach Supportive of colleagues, actively develops others and advocates for the wider multi-professional team Works well with others Behaves according to the Society's organisational values • Collaboration • Freedom of expression • Accept and respect • Quality	

To apply

Applicants should send a CV and 300-word statement setting out how they meet the criteria for the role. If applicable, please include documentation indicating prospective institutional support.

Deadline: email your application to Councilsupport@ics.ac.uk by **Monday 8 September, 9am**
Please include "JICS Editor in Chief Application" in the subject line of your email.

Informal enquiries may be emailed to the current EiC: Prof Daniel Martin, dsm.jics@gmail.com