

CALL FOR PEER REVIEWERS

Sociology Associate Board



Sociology relies on its peer reviewers to maintain high quality scholarship. Alongside the work of members of the Editorial Board, members of the Associate Board help to ensure that the journal makes a timely and constructive response to journal submissions. *Sociology* is now seeking 14 new members to join the Associate Board.

Associate Board composition and operation

The Associate Board is an opportunity for individuals to become involved in the ongoing success of the journal by supporting the process of peer reviewing submissions and ensuring only the highest quality articles are published in the journal. The Board is made up of 30 scholars who commit themselves to reviewing up to **12 papers a year** for the journal. There are no face-to-face meetings; this Board is a 'virtual' entity.

We are recruiting 14 members this year. Successful candidates will become members of the Board from 1 August 2019 onwards, until 31 July 2022.

Why should I apply to become a member of the Associate Board?

Journals rely heavily on peer review to maintain quality and contribute to debate in academic research. The Associate Board of *Sociology* is an excellent way to gain experience of peer reviewing and to contribute to the discipline by providing feedback on submitted articles.

Being a member of the Associate Board means being professionally associated with *Sociology*, one of the most highly regarded journals in the field. It is also an excellent way to make your own contribution to the continued successful running of the journal, and to the future health of British sociology as a whole.

Former Associate Board members are also encouraged to apply for Editorial Board membership and experience of being on the Associate Board is taken into consideration, and positively viewed, when such applications are assessed.

Who can apply?

The Associate Board is made up of a wide variety of scholars based around the world with a broad range of areas of interest. Early career researchers are welcome to apply.

Due to the limited number of places available, applications are only being accepted from candidates with expertise in at least two of the following areas within sociology:

- The body
- Science and Technology Studies
- Actor Network Theory
- Deviance
- Social and environmental justice
- Climate change
- Identity
- Gender
- LGBTQ studies
- Race & ethnicity



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- Consumption/production
- Cultural sociology
- Contemporary social and sociological theory
- Mass and social media
- Economic sociology
- Sociology of work

Sociology welcomes members from any cultural or academic background to contribute to the diversity of research published by the journal. Please see the BSA's policies on Equality and Diversity: https://www.britsoc.co.uk/Equality-Diversity/

Criteria for application - Sociology Associate Board membership

- 1. Members of the Associate Board must possess a PhD in sociology (or a related social science area).
- 2. Candidates must have authored at least 3 peer reviewed publications.
- 3. Applicants must have experience of peer reviewing for at least two different social science journals.
- 4. Associate Board members are expected to review submissions to the journal and return constructive reviews in a timely manner (within 21 days).
- 5. Individuals elected to a position on the Associate Board are expected to become BSA members upon election. Where members are based internationally, membership is preferred but not essential. It is expected that these individuals will be members of a parallel organisation.
- 6. The Associate Board is not able to accept more than two members from the same institution at any one time, which currently includes the **University of Strathclyde and La Trobe University**. We also cannot accept candidates from the same institution as the Editorial Team- **The University of Manchester**.

Application instructions:

The online application form can be found at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SOCAB2019

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the volume of applications the journal receives, we are only be able to accept the first 100 applications. The call will close once we receive 100 applications or at 5pm GMT on Wednesday 22 May, should we not receive the maximum number.

If you have queries about the role or about your eligibility, please contact the journal at: sociology.journal@britsoc.org.uk