**Deputy Editor 2025-2027**

Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

The Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS) is a leading international peer review journal, with high impact factor and international readership figure for this field. It seeks to disseminate high-quality clinical and translational scientific research in order to enhance international standards of care in reconstructive and aesthetic plastic surgery. The Journal now also seeks to expand its educational remit and develop its online content, while supporting evidence-based practice.

The Journal has a strong Editorial team with a range of subspecialty remits, and is seeking to reduce processing times, provide an ever-better author and reviewer experience, and continue to develop its international standing. We seek candidates with a record in high quality scientific and/or clinical activity for two Deputy Editor posts that are due for reappointment in January 2025.

Successful candidates will build JPRAS’ international profile and work under its Editor’s guidance. They will ensure timely peer review of submitted manuscripts, to maintain the high standard of publications in JPRAS and build stronger evidence bases for translational science and clinical practice. For one of the two posts it is desirous to have a footprint in North America and/or South East Asia. For both posts preference will be given to applicants with demonstrable subspecialty interest in hand / lymphatic / peripheral nerve surgery, limb reconstruction, or translational tissue engineering. There is scope to be involved in publishing strategy and commercial development, and to help build other aspects of the Journal’s outputs including editorials, invited reviews, and webinars. Membership of one of the professional societies affiliated to JPRAS (BAPRAS & EURAPS) is desirable, but not essential given the global reach of JPRAS.

The Deputy Editor must possess the following attributes:

* Consultant Plastic Surgeon, or senior academic, of good national/international standing
* A background in relevant clinical or translational research, and/or postgraduate education
* Sound editorial judgement
* Excellent written and verbal communication skills (English language)
* Time management skills
* Current equality and diversity training
* Institutional support for their involvement with JPRAS, and the time required to deliver the role
* An awareness of current developments within the Specialty
* A network of contacts to support peer review processes, and the recruitment of submissions to JPRAS
* Collaborative skills to work closely with the Editor, publishing team, and Deputy Editors

This role would suit an enthusiastic academic, or clinical plastic surgeon who has a demonstrable understanding of scientific and clinical literature relevant to our specialty, plus a clear desire to uphold the high standards of a peer review publication. Demonstrable involvement in post-graduate education is desirable, along with clear evidence of international activity and engagement with professional societies. While it is expected that the post will appeal to members of the organisations affiliated to JPRAS (currently BAPRAS & EURAPS), this is not an exclusive condition since JPRAS very much seeks to grow its international engagement.

Please note that the Deputy Editor must commit to delivering services for a number of hours each week; to become familiar with journal databases, the publisher’s online manuscript processing system; and to attend infrequent meetings and conferences. In light of this, the post recruits a 1 session stipend from BAPRAS..

The Deputy Editor is appointed on a consultancy basis and receives a monthly stipend, the size of which is decided by Council (currently equivalent to 1PA of NHS time). He/she bears all responsibility for accommodating editorial work with other (especially clinical) commitments. He/she may ask the Association to reimburse his/her primary employer for editorial time in lieu of a stipend. He/she may apply for variations in reimbursements to Council via the Committee of Management, but equivalence will be maintained between all Deputy Editors.

Please note the Editor must commit to delivering services for a number of hours each week, and to attend infrequent meetings or conferences. The weekly time commitment is predicted to amount to 1PA. The Term of Office is 3 years, renewal is by Order of the Committee of Management.

The Deputy Editor should give due notice of any decision to demit. He/she, although paid monthly, is expected to give six months’ notice, and where possible more. Should Council decide to dismiss the Deputy Editor a minimum three month period of notice will be given, although they may require him/her to cease journal activity immediately if they believe that to be in the commercial or quality interests of the Association.

Further information may be obtained from Prof. Andrew Hart, Editor of JPRAS (email [Andrew.Hart@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Andrew.Hart@glasgow.ac.uk)) or Matt Burrows in the Secretariat (tel: 0207 269 5201).

If you are interested in applying for the position of Deputy Editor, please return the application form and brief curriculum vitae to [matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk](mailto:matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk) before the closing date of **22 July 2024.** The post is available from 1 January 2025. Interviews will be held during September 2024.

**Application Form**

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Members wishing to express an interest in this position should complete the short form below and return it to: [matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk](mailto:matt.burrows@bapras.org.uk) by **8am** on **Monday, 22 July 2024.**

Please also include a brief CV

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| **Contact Details** | |
| Name |  |
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| **BAPRAS Membership** | |
| Are you a Full Member of BAPRAS / EURAPS or other national / international association? | Yes / No (please delete as applicable) |
| Please enter the year you became a Full Member of BAPRAS / EURAPS / other national or international association |  |
| How long have you held a consultant position? |  |
| Please list any Committees served on for BAPRAS / EURAPS / other national or international organisation. Also state previous involvement with JPRAS or JPRAS Open, with dates (or other national / international journal titles). |  |
| **Personal Statement: 200 words maximum** | |
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