

JACI The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology IN PRACTICE

Editor-in-Chief Job Description **June 2026**

The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) is seeking applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; In Practice* (JACI: *In Practice*). This position would begin January 1, 2027 and overlap with the current Editor-in-Chief's position until a mutually agreed upon date. This overlap will provide continuity of leadership and facilitate the ongoing success of the Journal.

The ideal candidate will have an academic affiliation and national and/or international stature in the field of allergy/immunology, be a Member or Fellow of the AAAAI and have experience in journal workings with a vision for taking this journal to an even higher level of excellence. Reporting to the AAAAI Board of Directors, the editor-in-chief will need to respond rapidly to new research findings and developments; lead the journal into a new era of technology and development; and lead a high caliber editorial team.

Journal Background Information

Allergy/immunology continues to grow in the U.S. and around the world. JACI: *In Practice* launched with its inaugural issue in 2013. Its most recent impact factor is 6.6, a cite score of 11 and 96% of reader survey respondents stating they are highly satisfied or satisfied with the Journal. It is regularly noted as one of the top member benefits for the AAAAI.

The earned role of JACI: *In Practice* as a premiere international forum for clinically relevant publication of research in allergy/immunology will require effective and learned leadership to maintain and ideally surpass its current stature over the next decade.

Vision

The vision of JACI: *In Practice* is to be an indispensable resource for clinicians who manage patients with asthma, allergic, immunologic, and related conditions in order to optimize the care and health of these patients.

Mission

The mission of JACI: *In Practice* is to provide novel, valid, generalizable, and impactful information to support evidence-based clinical decisions in the diagnosis and management of asthma, allergic, immunologic, and related conditions.

Specific Eligibility Criteria for the Editor-In-Chief

- Service of at least one term as an Editorial Board member of JACI: *In Practice* or a comparable journal.
- Willingness and ability to serve a five-year, renewable term
- Recognition as a thought leader, clinical/translational researcher, clinician and noted educator in his/her field of study; possessing a broad knowledge of the body of literature and clinical

practice relevant to allergy and immunology; evidence of strong commitment to bridging the interests of clinical, research, business and media perspectives.

- Demonstrated executive ability in administrative matters; capable of balancing multiple projects in a self-directed, timely manner and competently managing the Journal's editorial team.
- Current active membership as a Member/Fellow of the AAAAI, with a reputation for leadership, vision, collaboration and effective networking.
- Skill to preside over Editorial Board and serve as liaison to authors, reviewers, AAAAI members and the international community of allergist/immunologists.
- Demonstrated expertise as an author who has published in highly cited and visible professional, scientific and peer-reviewed publications.
- Meet the AAAAI standards for Conflict of Interest (COI) for a leader including following the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) Code for Interactions with Companies which puts parameters on engagement with industry.

Scope of Responsibilities for the Editor-In-Chief

Assume responsibility for the professionalism and quality of the Journal's content, continually raising the Journal's visibility, facilitating innovations for the Journal, and containing publication costs.

Establish and lead the editorial team, which will possibly include Deputy Editor(s), Associate Editor(s) and Editorial Board members. Assess the need for additional deputy/associate editors, develop job descriptions, and lead the search and recruitment of such individuals. Delegate to the editorial team appropriate features/activities that are valued by the readers and AAAAI Members including invited Review Articles and related content, Editorials, CME activities, Virtual Journal Club, Reviewer Mentorship Program and other relevant content.

Monitor Editorial Office operations closely, actively working with the Executive Managing Editor to maintain:

- prompt turn-around of manuscript decisions and publications;
- timely response to communications and business matters;
- proactive compliance with publisher deadlines;
- efficient data management and effective problem management;
- create appealing Journal features and design; and
- raise visibility of published articles amongst the medical and scientific community.

Screen and assign incoming submissions (including transfer offers from JACI); finalize decisions from other editors; manage subordinate editors' workloads; select line-up for monthly issues and review proofs; guide article acceptance rate to manage publication quality and size; oversee layout of the journal and oversee theme issue development and timelines. Assist with contested decisions or manuscripts with divergent reviewer recommendations.

Conduct regular Editors' meetings to discuss matters of policy, content and innovation; update Editorial Board members with regular communications and seek Editorial Board input on content, innovation and policy matters.

Collaborate with the Editors-In-Chief of the other AAAAI Journals (JACI and JACI: Global) to assure cooperative reviews and publication of submissions to the three journals, and the successful implementation of the AAAAI's educational and publication goals.

Travel to and participate in the AAAAI Annual Meetings, and take part in virtual or in-person meetings as requested by the Board of Directors; work closely with the AAAAI Board to improve reader services and align the Journal with the needs of AAAAI members; oversee preparation of reports to the Board of Directors.

Serve as chairperson of the annual JACI: *In Practice* Editorial Board meeting; take responsibility for gathering qualified Editorial Board candidates.

Candidates invited for an interview will receive additional information about the position.

To apply, please submit the following to Rebecca Brandt, CAE, AAAAI Executive Director rbrandt@aaaai.org by August 15, 2026:

- Personal statement about why you are seeking the position (700 words)
- Proposed editorial structure for the Journal
- Draft 5-year plan for the Journal (not to exceed 3 pages)

Anticipated Timeline

June 2026 Search launched

September 2026 Initial review complete

September 2026 Virtual interviews held

November 2026 Selection presented to AAAAI Board of Directors

January 2027 New Editor-in-Chief assumes role