

Editor – *Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care*

Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care is an international, independent, multidisciplinary, refereed journal devoted to issues and practices in the care of childbearing women, infants, and families. It is written by and for professionals in maternal and neonatal health, nurses, midwives, physicians, public health workers, doulas, psychologists, social scientists, childbirth educators, lactation counselors, epidemiologists, and other health caregivers and policymakers in perinatal care. This top-ranked journal has been making an impact on this area of research for nearly 40 years.

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The successful candidate for the position of Editor will be recognized as a person who has demonstrated leadership in work and research in the field of maternal and newborn health, will have worked at a strategic level within academia or health care, will have an impressive track record of publications and conference presentations arising from research and scholarship, and demonstrate commitment to the effective dissemination of new knowledge and advocacy for the care of childbearing women and their infants.

The ideal candidate will possess the following skills:

- Professional qualifications in a relevant discipline
- Commitment to the values that matter to pregnant women and their families
- Leadership qualities
- Sound scientific judgment and focus on evidence-based care
- Broad knowledge of perinatal care and maternal /newborn health issues and trends globally
- Broad understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of maternity care and a commitment to enhance collaboration, dialog, and interaction among maternity care professionals
- Previous editorial experience
- Willingness to publish commentary and articles that challenge prevailing opinion and practice in maternal and child health
- Excellent written and verbal communication, and computer literacy
- Ability to work to tight deadlines

Responsibilities of the Editor

The Editor will assume editorial control of *Birth* and will determine the scope to be covered by each issue.

In general, the Editor will:

- Preserve *Birth* as an independent and autonomous journal.
- Contribute to the strategy for the journal in collaboration with the publisher and the Editorial Board.
- Provide leadership to the international Editorial Board, and appoint new members to serve, in collaboration with the Publisher.
- Make editorial decisions to ensure that *Birth* is publishing high quality, relevant content that is in compliance with accepted editorial standards.
- Oversee and direct editorial and publishing policies that are relevant to *Birth*.
- Alongside the Editorial Assistant, oversee the peer-review process through an online system.
- Work with the Production Editor, putting together issues for online and print publication in accordance with an established publication schedule.
- Promote *Birth* at national and international conferences and meetings, and help market the journal through relevant listservs and networks.

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The post involves working closely with the Publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, and the Editorial Board. Applicants should note that this position requires a significant weekly commitment of time (approximately 14 hours a week), with additional days required for meetings, conferences and international travel over the year. The successful candidate will receive a competitive remuneration package. The Editor can be based in any international location. There is an opportunity for the successful candidate to shadow the current Editor up to the end of 2012. Appointment will formally begin January, 2013 for 2 years in the first instance with a probationary period of 6 months.

Applications should include (1) a short summary of your curriculum vitae, (2) a full list of publications, (3) a list of appointments as a reviewer, editor or editorial board member, and (4) a short assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of *Birth*, including details of the skills you will bring to this position, an outline of your vision for this Journal and how you would like to see it develop in the future. Interviews will be held by telephone in the first instance in March 2012. Recommendation letters will be required only in the case of successful candidates.

Please send your application, in confidence, to:

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Applications to arrive no later than February 24, 2012