CALL FOR A NEW ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EDITORIAL TEAM

Widely recognized internationally for its adherence to the highest scholarly standards, the Canadian Journal of Political Science | Revue canadienne de science politique (CJPS | RCSP) is the premier bilingual outlet for refereed scholarship in political science in Canada.

The Canadian Political Science Association is seeking applications for a new English-language editorial team (team) for the CJPS | RCSP starting July 1, 2020. The term of the team will be three years, with the possibility of an extension for one to three more years.

The team is composed of the English-language Co-Editor, an Assistant Editor and a Book Review Editor. Normally there is just one Assistant Editor who works with the Co-Editor, although in some cases a second Assistant Editor has been appointed.

The members of the team can be located in the same institution or in different institutions.

Since the CJPS | RCSP is the omnibus journal of the Canadian political science community, the team is responsible for ensuring the publication of excellent manuscripts in all major subfields of political science, as well as manuscripts employing the main methodological approaches used in the discipline.

The English-language Co-editor is expected to work in close collaboration with the French-language Co-editor in making relevant managerial and editorial decisions for the Journal, and in cooperation with Cambridge University Press.
The CPSA will provide up to $25 000 annually in support for the team. To carry on the editorial work associated with the CJPS | RCSP, the team requires the following resources:

- Administrative and teaching relief for the Co-Editor;
- Administrative relief for the Assistant Editor and Book Review Editor;
- Editorial Assistance (normally undertaken by PhD-level graduate students), including support for the Co-Editor, the Book Review Editor, and for communications, for a total of approximately 18hrs/week;
- Office space (particularly book storage space for the Book Review Editor), and access to a standard equipment (computer, printer, telephone, etc.).

Starting in 2020, the English-language and French-language editorial teams are also expected to collaborate with the Canadian Political Science Association and the Société québécoise de science politique in developing a new strategic plan for the Journal’s business model, in light of the changing landscape of scholarly publishing including open access.

The terms agreed upon between the team and the Canadian Political Science Association will be established in a memorandum of understanding.
INFORMAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – JUNE 30, 2019

The Search Committee seeks informal expressions of interest at any time from Chairs of Departments of Political Science, and/or faculty located in Canadian departments of political science, ideally by June 30, 2019.

FORMAL APPLICATIONS – AUGUST 16, 2019

A formal application should include:

1. the nomination of colleagues as English-language Co-Editor, Assistant Editor(s), and Book Review Editor, with indications of agreement and support from their department(s).

2. a vision statement outlining how the team would approach the Journal considering, among others, the general principles outlined in the GUIDELINES below, the international and national reputation of the Journal and the diversity of research political scientists do.

3. lines of continuity and changes that might be made to the general orientations and editorial policy of the Journal.

4. how the team envisions the communication strategy of the Journal.

5. how the team envisions collaboration with the French-language editorial team.

6. an indication of the support that the hosting Department(s)/University(ies) will provide to the team.

7. a general budget.

8. a brief biographical summary and full c.v. for each team member.

Formal applications will be due August 16, 2019.
Consideration of applications will start in Fall 2019.

Questions or expressions of interest can be directed to:

Barbara Arneil (CPSA Vice-President – Chair of the Search Committee)
Silvina Danesi (CPSA Executive Director)
GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EDITORIAL TEAM OF THE CJPS | RCSP

The team should:

- represent a broad range of concerns and subfields, and be open to all perspectives.

- be familiar with, although not necessarily expert in, the various subfields and methodological approaches to political science, or able to call on individuals with such expertise in their department, cognate departments / universities.

- have good scholarly credentials and a record of publishing in refereed journals or with refereed presses.

- be familiar with the Journal, either based on previous publication in it or assessment of CJPS manuscripts.

- demonstrate an understanding of:
  
  a. the changing context of scholarly publishing;
  b. the importance of the Journal’s communication strategy; and
  c. the bilingual nature of the Journal, including the importance of ongoing collaboration between the French and English editorial teams.

Since editing the Journal requires a significant commitment of time, members of the team should not assume major administrative roles during their tenure; the Co-editor and Assistant Editor should regard editing the Journal as their primary task after teaching and research.

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