



URBAN STUDIES JOURNAL

Reviews Editor

Background and Job Description

Applications are invited from suitably qualified academics to act as Reviews Editor on behalf of the international journal *Urban Studies*. Since its initial publication in the 1960s the journal has been committed to publishing a regular book review section. At present the journal is published 16 times a year, normally 12 of which are devoted to the publishing of stand-alone articles, the remaining 4 to Special Issues. Normally, 4 or so book reviews in each of the 12 'standard' Issues. Recent innovations have been introduced including Review Symposia, longer Book Review Essays (engaging with more than one book) and the online publication of reviews on the Urban Studies Online Urban blog accompanied with related articles from the journal's catalogue. You can find examples of published book reviews and check the online publication of book reviews here: <https://www.urbanstudiesonline.com/blog/>.

The Managing Editors of the journal are keen to develop the Reviews section so that it provides readers with an innovative and informative assessment of books *and* other source materials discussing contemporary urban issues, such as key urban policy documents. The Reviews Editor will have autonomy to advance new ideas and develop an innovative strategy around existing proposals. We are particularly keen to ensure that the Reviews section takes full advantage of the opportunities created by social media and the new website promoting the journal managed by the editors.

Applicants are being asked to comment on current methods used to promote books and provide details on new initiatives through which the Review section could be developed. Candidates should be active urban researchers and are likely to be in a university or similar institution and will have at least several years' post-doctoral research experience.

The appointment is seen as key to the future development of the journal. Besides offering an opportunity for an enthusiastic researcher to develop innovative ways of communicating ideas to urban scholars stemming from the publication of books and of other materials, it also provides an opportunity for the post holder to further build their international reputation in the field.

The duties of the Review Editor will be assisted by the journal's office staff located in the University of Glasgow, while the post holder will be mentored by one of the Managing Editors. The position is expected to involve a commitment of approximately one day per week and an agreed consultancy fee, payable annually, is attached to the post. It is envisaged that this will be an ongoing position (at least several years), however appointment will be made on a one-year rolling contract basis.

Applications – using the pro-forma - should be submitted to Ruth Harkin (ruth.harkin@glasgow.ac.uk) by Friday 4 March 2022. Interviews, held via Microsoft Teams, will be arranged in the latter two weeks of March 2022.