

Editor-in-Chief *FEBS Letters*

FEBS Press is seeking to appoint a new Editor-in-Chief by March 2021 for its prestigious journal [FEBS Letters](#). Launched in 1968 for the rapid publication of short reports, *FEBS Letters* is renowned as the journal that launched the careers of many generations of biochemists and molecular life scientists. It is now looking for a new Editor-in-Chief to build on this reputation and develop the journal in the new era of open science. *FEBS Letters* is one of four journals owned by the [Federation of European Biochemical Societies](#) (FEBS), and the income from these journals is used to support scientists through fellowships, courses, travel grants, prizes and other FEBS initiatives.

Duties

- **Act as an ambassador for the journal to the scientific community** The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) will actively promote the journal, through interactions with the scientific community, through editorials in the journal, and by representing the journal at public meetings. The EIC will work with the journal staff and the journal's publishing partner to develop marketing strategies.
- **Set the journal strategy** The EIC, with the Editorial Board, will determine the nature and scope of the journal, propose new features and article types, and improvements to journal procedures to attract new submissions. The EIC will work with the journal staff and the journal's publishing partner to set objectives and strategies for the journal. The EIC will present major proposed changes to the FEBS Publications Committee for discussion and approval.
- **Lead the editor selection process** The EIC will work with the journal staff to identify candidates for the Editorial Board, and to propose new members to the Publications Committee for their approval.
- **Take ethics decisions** The EIC will uphold the ethics policies of FEBS Press and work with journal staff and editorial board members to resolve any ethical issues that arise when handling manuscripts for publication in the journal. Ethical matters may involve, but are not limited to, data integrity, plagiarism, authorship disputes or conflicts of interest.
- **Review and contribute to periodic monitoring reports** The EIC will review monthly and annual reports on journal performance prepared by the journal staff and present this information to the annual meeting of the Publications Committee.
- **Conduct and attend meetings** The EIC will chair meetings of the Editorial Board at which the performance of the journal will be reviewed, and ideas gathered for improvements to the journal. The EIC will also be required to attend the annual meeting of the Publications Committee and the FEBS Congress.

Characteristics

- An international reputation as an outstanding researcher in biochemistry and molecular life sciences
- A demonstrated commitment to participation in academic peer review
- The ability to work diplomatically with authors, reviewers and editors
- The energy and dedication to find time to meet journal deadlines on a regular (nearly daily) basis for the next 5 years

To apply

Send:

- Your CV
- A disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest, such as industry relationships or editorial board membership of other journals
- An outline of your vision for the journal

To: László Fésüs (chairman of FEBS Publications Committee, fesus@med.unideb.hu), cc'ed to Tom Kingsnorth (FEBS Chief Administrator, kingsnorth@febs.org)

Deadline for applications: August 31, 2020.

Questions about the journal should be addressed to current chief editor Felix Wieland: felix.wieland@bzh.uni-heidelberg.de