

Call for Applications:

Editor-in-Chief, *Landscape Research*

Landscape Research invites applications for a new Editor(s)-in-Chief for its peer-reviewed journal, *Landscape Research*, to follow current Editor-in-Chief, Professor Emma Waterton, whose appointment ends on 31 December 2023. One of the foremost journals in its field, *Landscape Research* is owned by the Landscape Research Group (LRG)¹ and is published by Taylor and Francis. Expressions of interest are welcome from individuals or teams for a five-year appointment starting on 1 January 2024, following a handover period of one year in 2023.

About the Journal

First published as *Landscape Research News* in 1969, *Landscape Research* has over the past fifty-three years developed into a dedicated international forum for discussing and evaluating all aspects of landscape. The journal has distinguished itself for its contributions to landscape studies by publishing both high-quality empirically grounded studies and leading theoretical contributions, including influential critiques on landscape practice that have shaped debates within the discipline. The journal is open to a variety of contributions including original articles, critical reviews, photo essays, book reviews and book review forums. The journal appeals to a wide academic and professional readership that is both interdisciplinary and international in scope. Whilst unified by a focus on landscape, the coverage of the journal is wide-ranging. It receives a large volume of submissions each year from fields that include environmental conservation, geography (human and physical), landscape architecture, archaeology, history, anthropology, environmental humanities, urban studies, planning, design, heritage studies, ecology, cultural studies, and forestry.

As noted above, *Landscape Research* is owned by the LRG, which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Under the CIO, the Editor-in-Chief of *Landscape Research* is an *ex officio* member of the LRG's Board of Trustees and there is an expectation that the Editor-in-Chief will ensure that LRG events and research funding calls tie in with the journal's activities where possible. It is also expected that the Editor-in-Chief will foster and support efforts to make connections between the journal and the LRG's online platform, LEX.

About the Role

Applications for the Editor-in-Chief position are welcome from both individuals and teams². Successful applicants will be well-established in areas of research that align with the journal and will demonstrate a commitment to their field/s. They will have a strong record of publication as well as some experience in the editorial aspects of academic publishing. They will also have an international outlook and an understanding of open access policies and initiatives. Importantly, successful applicant/s should be able to evidence a commitment to collaboration, rigor and inclusiveness, as well as a passion for nurturing teamwork. In addition to presenting a vision for how they see the journal developing academically, they will also outline their intentions for further expanding the journal's 'ethos of care'³.

¹ The *Landscape Research Group* is a registered charity (No. 287610) established to advance education and research, encourage interest and exchange information for public benefit in the field of landscape and any related fields.

² Alternative leadership could, for instance, be composed of a team of two to three individuals with separate but complimentary skills and responsibilities.

³ See Waterton et al. (2022) Thinking and writing with care, *Landscape Research*, 47(1): 1-9; Vincenzotti and Waterton (2021) Practicing care in a global pandemic, *Landscape Research*, 46(1): 1-7.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The journal's Editorial Team is responsible to the Landscape Research Group, which grants the Team full power and authority to lead on all editorial aspects of the journal, such as:

- I. shaping the strategic direction of the journal;
- II. commissioning and/or receiving manuscripts submitted to the journal;
- III. giving unbiased consideration to each manuscript submitted and judging each on its merits, without regard to race, religion, nationality, gender, age, disability, political alignment, sexual orientation, seniority, or institutional affiliation of the author(s);
- IV. organising the peer-review of such manuscripts or rejecting such manuscripts without peer review when these manuscripts are considered inappropriate for the journal's scope;
- V. making decisions on the acceptability of such manuscripts following peer review;
- VI. editing manuscripts;
- VII. compiling issues;
- VIII. referring any ethical or copyright or legal issues to the LRG and Publisher;
- IX. undertaking general editorial duties for the journal;
- X. expanding the pool of readers, authors, and reviewers; and
- XI. appointing and managing the services of an expert Editorial Board for the journal.

The Editor-in-Chief is supported by *Yellowback*, which provides editorial assistance, as well as an Editorial Team comprised of a Consulting Editor (the outgoing Editor-in-Chief), three Associate Editors, four Assistant Editors, two Pre-Editors (desktop review management and peer review management), an Academic Support Editor, a Book Review Editor, and a Social Media Editor.

As noted above, the Editor-in-Chief is an *ex officio* member of the LRG's Board of Trustees and is thus expected to attend, when possible, LRG Board meetings and provide the Board with reports on journal trends, activities and initiatives.

This post attracts an honorarium.

The Application Process

It is anticipated that the incoming Editor-in-Chief will take up the role on 1 January 2024, following a handover period of one-year commencing on 1 January 2023. The period of appointment will be five years in the first instance.

Written applications are currently being sought and should be submitted to admin@landscaperesearch.org by Friday 30th September 2022. All applications should include the following components:

- 1) a copy of your CV;
- 2) a 1-page description of your qualifications and editorial experience; and
- 3) a 1-page vision of how you see the journal developing academically as well as further expanding its 'ethos of care' over the five-year appointment period.

Any questions about the role can be directed to the current Editor-in-Chief, Emma Waterton (e.waterton@westernsydney.edu.au).