



Terms of Office

Operates on calendar year (January – December)

Editor: 3 years (renewable once)

Associate Editors, Members, Consulting Editors: 3 years (renewable once)

Committee Makeup

The JU Open Plus (JUOP) Editorial Board shall consist of the Editor, Associate Editors, Editorial Board members, Consulting Editors, and Online Content Editors.

Mission Statement

To provide the urological community and the medical profession at large with timely peer-reviewed clinical and scientific contributions in urology that stimulate and expand practice and research activities, ultimately impacting on excellence in patient care. JUOP will provide a home for quality sound science research, including confirmatory and null-hypothesis findings, and serve as a cascade publication for transfers from other AUA scholarly publications.

Reporting

The JUOP Editor reports to the AUA Board of Directors, who set the overarching strategic goals for the editor. However, the Editorial Board retains oversight of the peer review process and the editorial selection of submissions to be published in JUOP, with no input from the Board of Directors.

Editorial Board Meetings

The Board meets four times per year, once per quarter. The Board will meet in person at the Annual Meeting and by videoconference for the other three meetings.

Time Commitment

Editor: 15 hours per week

Associate Editors: 12 hours per week

Consulting Editors: 2 hours per week

Online Content Editor:

Editorial Board:

1 hour per week

2 hours per week

Qualifications/ Responsibilities

The JUOP Editorial Board is responsible for publication content oversight. The Editorial Board assists the Editor in establishing editorial policies and strategies and in managing the peer review process.

Editor

The Editor directs the publication of JUOP and is responsible for its general management. The Editor makes recommendations pertaining to improved dissemination of this high-impact journal focused on the advances of urology research. The overarching objective of this position is to establish a highly regarded editorial integrity reputation for the AUA's newest scholarly journal while implementing publishing innovations that keep JUOP relevant and best in class. The Editor oversees an editorial board, including Associate Editors, Online Content Editors, Consulting Editors, and Editorial Board members, on matters of editorial policy and recommends nominees for all editorial appointments to the journal. The Editor partners with the AUA Publications Department staff to coordinate editorial and operational activities of the journal. The Editors of all of the AUA's scholarly publications are expected to convene with each other and the Publications Committee to



analyze scholarly publishing threats and opportunities, ethical concerns, and diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

The Senior Associate Editor, in respect to date of appointment, shall serve as Acting Editor in the absence or incapacity of the Editor.

Associate Editors	The role of the Associate Editor is to ensure a steady workflow of manuscripts in their subject area(s) of expertise. The Associate Editor coordinates peer review and collaborates with the Editor, Consulting Editors, and Editorial Board members in adjudicating decisions for submissions. The Associate Editor also invites and writes editorial front matter content for the journal.
Consulting Editors	The role of the Consulting Editor is to provide expert review and consultation on especially challenging decisions in a particular subspecialty/area of focus.
Editorial Board	An Editorial Board member serves as a super peer reviewer for the journal, completing at least two peer reviews per month, and weighs in on matters of editorial policy and ethical concerns. This role also serves as an ambassador for the journal.
Online Content Editor	The role of the online content editor is to provide social media strategy guidance to the journal.

Compliance

Positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by [AUA's Civility Policy](#) when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with [AUA's COI Disclosure Policy](#). The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

- Editorial and publication experience in scholarly publishing. Must have strong publication and reviewer experience in peer-reviewed scholarly publications.
- Knowledge and experience in Open Access publications

Criteria for Selecting Next Editor

Openings for the JUOP Editor are announced every six years at the webpage AUAnet.org/JUOPEditor. A job description highlighting the qualifications is posted on that site. The next search will begin in 2026. The JUOP Editor is selected by a Board Search Committee.

Recent Accomplishments (2024)

JU Open Plus continues to build momentum in its second year of publication. JUOP is an online-only, continuously published Open Access journal, with fully composed articles added to a monthly issue. The publication has benefitted from cascaded transfer submissions from JU and UPJ and received original submissions from all over the world.