

NNR Launches New Early Career Editorial Program

ASNR is pleased to publish outstanding research from scientists all over the world in our premier academic journal *Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair* (NNR). Our Editorial Board Members play a key role in coordinating peer review, serving as peer reviewers, promoting the journal, and providing valuable feedback. For many journals, opportunities to serve on the Editorial Board are only available for mid- or later-career experts in the field.



However, inclusion of early-career researchers in the editorial process has many benefits. [The NNR Early Career Editorial Program](#) is designed to provide emerging neurorehabilitation scientists and clinicians insight into the editorial board process and promote opportunities for career advancement by working directly with other NNR journal editors. Seeing what happens behind-the-scenes in the journal review process can provide valuable insights for navigating academic writing and publishing, and it is also good training for future editorial roles. Individuals also have the opportunity to develop broader perspectives on topics in their field through exposure to novel research. Recognizing these benefits, NNR has established three dedicated early-career positions on the journal's Editorial Board.

Individuals in the NNR Early Career Editorial Program will serve a three-year term, subject to annual review. The first year of the program will focus on developing reviewer skills. Participants will review papers, receive critiques of reviews, attend meetings with the Editor in Chief and other editors, maintain ASNR membership, attend editorial board meetings, and submit their own manuscripts for consideration. In the second year, program participants will advance their editor skills. They will continue to engage in many of the activities described above while also getting involved in screening papers and overseeing reviews. During the third year of the program, the Early Career Editorial Program members will transition to become regular board members.

Beyond the benefits to the individuals selected to serve on the Editorial Board, NNR and ASNR also benefit tremendously from engaging early-career scientists in the editorial process. First and foremost, doing so promotes diversity in perspectives of Editorial Board members, and this is particularly valuable for providing fresh viewpoints on hot topics in the field. In addition, new early-career members can energize the Editorial Board, and positive experiences can lead to longer-term board membership. Further, involvement with the NNR Editorial Board may encourage members to seek deeper engagement with ASNR as a whole.

NNR welcomes applications from all individuals who are current ASNR members and early career investigators — typically within ten years of doctoral degree receipt. Applicants must submit an NIH-style biosketch (or equivalent), including a description in the personal statement

section about your interest in an Early Career Editorial Board Position. In addition, the application must include a letter of support (one page or less) from a mentor or colleague familiar with your manuscript review experience and a statement of support (< 1 page) from their department chair or immediate supervisor. To apply, please submit these materials by email to nnr@kumc.edu. The deadline for application submission is September 1, 2023. [The Early Career Editorial Program](#) is just one example of how ASNR supports its members by creating important training and career development opportunities for neurorehabilitation professionals. Visit the [Career Development page of our website](#) to review other resources.