Journal of Academic Freedom Editor Search

The Journal of Academic Freedom invites applications for a faculty editor or faculty coeditors for the next two volumes of the journal.

ABOUT THE AAUP JOURNAL OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM
The AAUP Journal of Academic Freedom is an online journal that seeks to develop international discussion of academic freedom and related issues. It features scholarship on academic freedom and its relation to shared governance, tenure, the structure of the academy, and collective bargaining. The journal invites submissions on all aspects of academic freedom—from philosophical reflections to social science studies of contemporary issues such as academic freedom challenges related to race and gender, and from historical case studies to analyses of recent incidents of national or international significance. Faculty editors are appointed on the basis of their expertise, commitment to academic freedom, broad understanding of concerns related to the academic profession, and ability to welcome and engage with a diverse range of authors and perspectives.

THE FACULTY EDITOR POSITION
Working with AAUP staff members and the editorial board, the faculty editor is responsible for making sure that the journal publishes insightful and significant scholarship on a variety of academic freedom issues. Accordingly, the editor is responsible for the selection and substantive editing of the articles that will appear in the journal’s one annual issue.

Each year, the editor should draft a call for papers for the next volume, actively solicit submissions, conduct initial screening of manuscripts, forward manuscripts under consideration to appropriate reviewers, work with authors on recommended revisions, serve as primary liaison with authors, write a brief introduction to the volume, and promote the journal.

A specific and mutually agreeable annual schedule will be worked out by the editor and AAUP staff. While exact dates are negotiable, the workload related to the journal is generally lighter during the fall semester, when the editor should focus on soliciting articles and reviewing early submissions, and heavier in spring, when the editor will review the entire submissions pool and finalize selected articles prior to copyediting. Duties are very light over the summer, when the issue is in production, although correspondence and queries continue year-round. The annual issue is published in late September, along with a call for papers for the next year’s volume.

QUALIFICATIONS
The editor should be an AAUP member who is a faculty member or higher education professional with editorial experience and a record of publication and activism around academic freedom issues. We will consider joint applications from two individuals who wish to collaborate as coeditors. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

TERM
The editor will serve a two-year term, renewable for up to a total of four years.

RESOURCES
The faculty editor is not an employee of the AAUP and receives an annual stipend of $3,500 per year. Coeditors working together on a volume share the stipend.

HOW TO APPLY
Please submit a current CV, a short writing sample, and a letter of interest—with a paragraph about topic suggestions for the call for papers for the 2022 volume of the journal—to JAF@aaup.org by June 1, 2021.

MORE INFORMATION
You can find past volumes of the journal and additional information at https://www.aaup.org/jaf.