Journal for the Measurement of Physical Behaviour Call for Editor

Human Kinetics Journals is seeking expressions of interest for Editor of the *Journal for the Measurement of Physical Behaviour* (JMPB), an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed, and indexed journal which is the official journal of the International Society for the Measurement of Physical Behaviour (ISMPB).

About JMPB

Founded in 2018, JMPB is a rigorously peer-reviewed journal and publishes high quality research on fundamental measurement problems related to the use and application



of device-based technology to assess physical behaviors such as physical activity, sedentary behavior, movement disorders, and sleep. Its <u>Editorial Leadership group</u> represents a global community of impactful researchers and is currently led by Professor Charlotte Edwardson, who is completing a three-year term as JMPB Editor in June 2026. JMPB received its first Impact Factor of 1.7 in 2025, and has a CiteScore of 3.1. For more information on JMPB's scope, publishing priorities, and publication model, <u>please visit the website</u>.

About the position

The Editor shapes the editorial content published in the journal and performs editorial duties essential to the peer-review and publication process. This includes defining and adhering to the publishing standards, ethics, and priorities of the journal; leading outreach and growth initiatives that will improve the quality of submissions; maintaining a timely peer review process; appointing members to the Editorial Board and Associate Editor group; and contributing to marketing and dissemination efforts. This position requires thought leadership, advanced decision-making regarding the appropriateness of submissions for the journal, a networking-minded approach to working with a variety of stakeholders, and comfort in being in an outward-facing leadership role.

The Editor is directly supported by a Senior Managing Editor provided by the publisher, an Editorial Administrator appointed by the Editor, a group of Associate Editors who handle manuscripts during peer review, an Editorial Board, and the affiliated society, ISMPB. Associate Editors are assigned submissions that are not desk-rejected by the Editor and facilitate the peer review process by securing peer reviewers and overseeing the process until a decision can be recommended for each manuscript.

The Editor serves a three-year term, beginning in July 2026, although the on-boarding process would start early in 2026. The Editor receives an annual stipend and a renewal option is available pending approval from the publisher and the support of the Editorial Board and ISMPB.

JMPB is committed to maintaining a diverse editorial team of researchers from all cultures, countries, and climates. Researchers at all stages of career are encouraged to apply for editorial positions with the journal.

JMPB Editor qualifications

- Have a doctoral-level degree;
- Be a well-published, well-cited scholar whose research is primarily focused on fundamental measurement problems related to the use and application of device-based technology to assess physical behaviors;
- Be an active peer reviewer for respected journals within the field of physical activity research;
- Have prior experience serving on Editorial Boards, or in an Editorial role, for a respected peer-reviewed journal in the field;
- Have an understanding of publication ethics;
- Enjoy networking with scholars and societies to further the journal's mission, recruit submissions, and facilitate growth opportunities;
- Understand the importance of efficient and timely peer review to the health of a journal, and be able to allocate sufficient time to ensure the prompt completion of the peer-review process for submitted articles;
- Be comfortable as the public face of the journal;
- Be able to lead and engage Editorial Board members, authors, and reviewers on a consistent basis;
- Have above-average group communication, organization, and leadership skills;
- Have good knowledge of the English language, although it is not necessary to be a native English speaker.

JMPB Editor duties

- Monitor submissions, with the assistance of an Editorial Assistant and Associate Editors
 (who as handling editors are responsible for assigning peer reviewers), throughout the peer
 review process using the ScholarOne Manuscript Central platform (currently the journal
 receives ~60-70 submissions/year and has an acceptance rate ~50%);
- Make desk reject decisions for all submissions in a timely manner;
- Work with the Associate Editors and journal reviewers to determine which articles are fit for publication, and provide the final decision on each submission;
- Recruit and invite target articles and commentaries;
- Consider proposals for special issues or sections;

- Recruit and invite members of the Editorial leadership team, including Associate Editors and Board members;
- Work with the publisher, Senior Managing Editor, Associate Editors, Editorial Board, and ISMPB on strategic initiatives that will further the journal's mission;
- Liaise with ISMPB and regularly attend society leadership meetings;
- Attend the ISMPB biennial conference, ICAMPAM;
- Represent and advocate for the journal at relevant conferences or online seminars, and within academic networks or societies, including ICAMPAM;
- Chair the annual JMPB Editorial Board meeting, which either happens at ICAMPAM or is a virtual meeting;
- Occasionally participate in the online dissemination and marketing of published articles;
- Complete other minor tasks as requested by the publisher and Senior Managing Editor.

Application

To apply, candidates should send a brief (500-word maximum) expression of interest that addresses their fit and desire for the role. In addition, candidates should provide a brief (two-page) summary curriculum vitae (CV) outlining educational and academic work history, recent and relevant publications, and experience and appointments related to the scope of this position.

Applications should be assembled as a single PDF file and emailed to Mr. Doug Hoepker (Human Kinetics Senior Managing Editor; dough@hkusa.com). Please use JMPB Editor Application in the subject line of the email.

The application deadline is September 10, 2025.

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<u>Human Kinetics</u>, an employee-owned company which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2024, is the leading publisher of information related to physical activity. It has continually published JMPB since the journal's founding in 2018 and manages a portfolio of 27 peer-reviewed journals on a variety of subjects related to physical activity and sport.