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## **Current Anthropology Editor Search**

### **Further Information**

### **May 2017**

The [Wenner-Gren Foundation](#) founded [Current Anthropology](#) in 1959 and continues to sponsor its publication through University of Chicago Press. Since the first issue appeared, *Current Anthropology* has been the major scholarly periodical in anthropology, covering all branches of the field and addressing a worldwide audience. It publishes major articles, reports, forums, and other content of interest. Major articles appear with "CA treatment," the simultaneous publication of multiple commentaries along with the author's reply, providing a forum for discussion and debate. A history of the journal can be found [here](#).

#### Term of Office and Compensation for the Editor

The new Editor will begin to receive submissions on September 1, 2018 and take full responsibility for the journal on January 1, 2019. The Editor's term is six years from January 1, 2019, with a possibility of renewal for an addition partial or complete term. The Editor's honorarium is US \$15,000 per annum with an additional budget for travel and other necessary expenses (see below).

#### Qualifications of the Editor

The new Editor will be a professional academic anthropologist who specializes in any of the four anthropological sub-disciplines. The Editor must, however, have a strong and demonstrated commitment to the broad and integrated nature of the journal. The Editor may be located anywhere in the world but must have a proficiency in English, the language of the journal.

The Wenner-Gren Foundation and the University of Chicago Press are also open to the possibility of alternative editorship arrangements such as co-Editors and/or the use of an active editorial board to handle manuscripts. The applicant should clearly outline her/his ideas for the editorship in their letter of intent and if a co-editorship is proposed the application should come from both potential editors (see the Application Procedures below).

#### The Journal

*Current Anthropology* publishes six core issues a year and two open access supplementary issues. The supplementary issues report the output of [Wenner-Gren Symposia](#) (and are edited through the Wenner-Gren offices in an entirely independent process). The Editor will only handle the six annual core issues of the journal.

#### Core Issues of *Current Anthropology*

Each core issue is approximately 160 pages in length and includes five-to-six major articles, along with reports, and other content. *Current Anthropology* is among the highest-ranked anthropology journals and in 2016 was the top Google-ranked anthropology journal. *Current Anthropology* receives between 200 and 250 manuscripts a year, and accepts approximately 18% of them.

*Current Anthropology* maintains its commitment to print as well as electronic publication. Articles destined for a particular print issue are made available online Ahead-of-Print when they are ready. *Current Anthropology* also has a commitment to open access publication. In addition to the open access supplementary issues, the Editor has the option to select an article for open access availability in each core issue of the journal. Both Green and Gold open access options are available to authors.

CA was a pioneer in online supplements that may include any type of information to enhance the meaning and significance of the published article (e.g. data, further description of methodology, additional photographs and video and/or audio clips, etc.).

The University of Chicago Press and *Current Anthropology* use Editorial Manager to operate the online manuscript submission and review process. See the [CA website](#) for more information about the journal, including general information for contributors and access to journal content.

### Role of the Editor

The major role of the Editor (or co-Editors) is to maintain and enhance the position of *Current Anthropology* in the field and to assure its high academic standard. Specifically the Editor/s will:

1. Encourage the submission of the best anthropological articles and be proactive in maintaining and increasing the number of contributions to the journal.
2. Assure that all articles are appropriately peer-reviewed in a timely fashion.
3. Maintain the “CA treatment” of simultaneous publication of major articles with multiple commentaries along with the author’s reply and assure that commentaries are solicited from the widest international range of relevant anthropologists.
4. Solicit and coordinate additional material that will be published as online supplements to the research articles.
5. Maintain the variety of types of contribution to the journal and work with the Foundation and University of Chicago Press to develop future initiatives for the journal.
6. Work closely with the University of Chicago Press and the CA Managing Editor based at the Press to assure timely and efficient publication of the journal. The Chicago-based Managing Editor handles all practical aspects of the publication of the paper and electronic versions of the journal.
7. Use the University of Chicago Press online manuscript submission and review process (Editorial Manager).
8. Work with the University of Chicago Press to prepare press releases for selected CA articles.
9. Attend the annual American Anthropological Association meetings as well as other appropriate anthropological meetings to represent the journal.
10. Attend the annual editorial meeting in Chicago with the University of Chicago Press and the Foundation to review the state of the journal.
11. Prepare an annual report by April 1 each year for presentation to the Wenner-Gren Board of Trustees at its spring meeting (normally the first Saturday in May)
12. Serve on the Wenner-Gren Foundation’s academic Advisory Council and attend the Advisory Council meetings twice a year held in connection with the Board of Trustees meeting (normally the first Friday and Saturday in May and in November).

## Support for the Editor

The following refers to the arrangements for a single Editor-in-Chief. Terms for alternative editorial arrangements would be by negotiation with the Wenner-Gren Foundation and University of Chicago Press. They would be expected to be in line with the overall costs for a single Editor.

1. An honorarium of US \$15,000 per year paid to the Editor or shared among Editors in a multiple Editor arrangement.
2. An annual travel budget to cover travel to:
  - a. professional meetings on the journal's behalf,
  - b. the annual CA editorial board meeting at the University of Chicago Press (Chicago), and
  - c. the biannual Wenner-Gren Advisory Council meetings (normally but not always held in New York).
3. Full-time Managing Editor dedicated to *Current Anthropology* and located at the University of Chicago Press in Chicago. This person is the liaison between the Editor and the Press and is already in post.

### Expenses Not Covered

1. Salary and/or release time for the Editor.
2. Rental of space for an Editorial Office.
3. Institutional overhead costs.

## Application Procedure

To apply, the applicant should send the following by e-mail to the Chair of the CA Editorial Search Committee at the address below. There is no application form.

1. A complete curriculum vitae,
2. Names and contact details of three academic references and
3. A letter of interest that discusses:
  - The applicant's vision for *Current Anthropology*,
  - Her/his qualifications and experience relevant to the position of Editor of anthropology's highest profile broad-based journal, and
  - The proposed editorial arrangements for managing the journal,

Applications must be received by **December 31, 2017**.

## Timetable for Appointment of the Editor

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| 1. Deadline for applications for the Editorship: | December 31, 2017 |
| 2. Short listing:                                | January, 2018     |
| 3. Interviews in New York:                       | March, 2018       |
| 4. Appointment of the new Editor:                | April, 2018       |
| 5. Transition meeting/s with UCP                 | Summer 2018       |
| 6. The new Editor begins to receive submissions: | September 1, 2018 |
| 7. The new Editor assumes full responsibility:   | January 1, 2019   |

Potential applicants are welcome to contact the following for further information:

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