Role Description

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

UCL PRESS OPEN ACCESS MEGAJOURNAL, ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH

CLOSING DATE: 20th July 2018

Reports to:
Editor-in-Chief, UCL Open Access Megajournal, Environment Research

Context
UCL Press is seeking to appoint founding Editorial Board Members to help develop, launch, and shape, a new UCL Open Access Megajournal (OAMJ) within the environmental sciences, supported by the UCL Environment Research Domain (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/environment) and the Office of the UCL Vice-Provost (Research) (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/contact). The position will be offered for a period of three years in the first instance.

The Open Access Megajournal (OAMJ) is by definition broad scope and aims to cover all aspects of environment-related research, encouraging as many single and cross-disciplinary works as possible. This includes contributions from life and earth sciences, as well as medical, physical, population, engineering, and social sciences.

Submissions to the megajournal are open to anyone. It will operate a pre-print server post-publication open peer review model: the submitted article is posted immediately to the pre-print server, an editor invites reviewers who openly publish their comments alongside the paper, and then makes a decision for publication (accept/reject/revise). Once accepted, the paper is published formally in the journal (this is separate to the pre-print server), alongside links to the review history, that remains freely and permanently available to everyone.

Main purpose of the role
Unlike with other more traditional scientific journals, this Editorial Board Member role provides the successful candidate the unique opportunity to help shape the founding and future development of this exciting new publication and model.

Editorial boards are an integral part of a journal’s success by supporting the journal with their subject expertise and guidance. We are interested in hearing from individuals who are committed to open access, data sharing and innovation in scientific publishing, with subject expertise across environment related research.

Duties and responsibilities:

- Identifying and suggesting new topics for the journal to explore – commissioning opportunities, special series, advances in the field
- Contributing editorials and other articles
- Providing ad hoc peer review and help to identify potential peer reviewers
- Providing additional opinion on publications with potential conflicts of interest
- Suggesting further Editorial Board Members to the journal
- Attending journal editorial board meetings (one per year)

To deliver services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed, and the post holder may be required to perform work not specifically referred to above.

UCL Press requires all editorial board members to be familiar and follow best practice guidelines as outlined by the Committee On Publication Ethics (COPE) - https://publicationethics.org/files/u2/Best_Practice.pdf
Applications
Applications are welcome from anyone with expertise in environment related research, including early career researchers. To apply, please send your CV and supporting statement (max 1 page) by email to Ian Caswell, UCL Press Journals Manager (i.caswell@ucl.ac.uk). Applicants are likely to hear back within a few weeks after the closing date.

This advert is the first round of an ongoing open call for applications.

Any questions? Contact Ian Caswell, UCL Press Journals Manager (i.caswell@ucl.ac.uk).