

Job description for an editorial trainee from the European Network of trainees (ENTOG) for the European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Biology (EJOG)

Background: The *European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology* (EJOG) is the leading general clinical journal covering the continent. It publishes peer reviewed original research articles, as well as a wide range of news, book reviews, biographical, historical and educational articles and a lively correspondence section. The journal provides a forum for scientific and clinical professional communication in obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G) throughout Europe and the world.

European Network of trainees in Obstetrics and Gynaecology is a non-profit, non-governmental, independent organisation that represents trainees and young specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Europe. This organisation collaborates with the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG) in the recommendation of the standards required for the training of specialists, and the means of maintaining those standards. ENTOG also promotes research opportunities between the trainees and young obstetricians and gynaecologists. Through the role of trainee editor, EJOG aims to support European O&G trainees in developing their research skills and providing them with an experience of how publishing works.

Title of the appointee: ENTOG Trainee editor for EJOG

Why should the *EJOG* appoint editorial trainees? There is currently a generational gap in the way information is accessed, assimilated and used. The editorial team needs to be connected to younger readers and would benefit from having editorial trainees who could provide the perspective of an IT expert generation.

What will trainees gain? Trainees will gain inside information on how publishing works and to obtain training in publication which might benefit their career. Most importantly, they will have a good understanding of how the peer-review process works and insights and knowledge about publication ethics and the mechanics of publication. Additionally, this will hopefully be regarded as a highly prestigious position which will attract the brightest and best candidates, making a strong contribution to their CV.

Proposal: To appoint two (or three) *EJOG* editorial trainees, each for three-year duration (6-month trial period and 2.5-year fixed term).

Type of post: These will be strictly unpaid posts.

Appointment process: The appointment process will be based on CV and cover letter. The application will include a cover letter explaining why the candidate has applied and what they hope to gain from the experience. The judging panel will be Professor Janesh Gupta (Editor-in-Chief) and up to 2 other members of the Editorial Board.

Who can apply? Any O&G trainee in Europe with 2 or more years until completion of training will be eligible.

Length of post: 6-month trial period followed by a 2.5-year term (in total 3 years).

How much time commitment is anticipated for the editorial trainee? It is anticipated that the time commitment will be equivalent of 16-20 hours per month, but this can be variable.

Duties

- Reviewing and editing articles
- Advising on and inviting suitable referees through the online system
- Suggesting topics for commissioned articles
- Attending (in person or by videoconference) one board meetings per annum
- Discussing/recommending promotional opportunities
- Informing the ENTOG executive committee of any relevant decisions made at the EJOG Editorial Board meeting
- Setting up social media accounts (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook) for the journal and creating relevant content in relation to new publications and themed issues.

Essential criteria

- Trainee in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Published peer review articles
- Excellent written English

Desirable criteria

- Experience in medical education and/or training
- Interest in writing and editing content

How to apply

In the first instance, please send a cover letter and CV by email to Dr Hajra Khattak on treasurer.entog@gmail.com

For more information on this role, please contact Dr Hajra Khattak on treasurer.entog@gmail.com or Professor Janesh Gupta, Editor-in-Chief: j.k.gupta@bham.ac.uk