

Royal Economic Society

The Economic Journal Special Issues Editor

Background

The Royal Economic Society (RES) will launch *The Economic Journal* Special Issues (SI) to publish new SI content in the Journal. Articles published in the special issues (or in special sections of regular issues) will be high quality, themed, and focused on questions of high relevance to society and academia. They will be subject to fast editorial turnaround processes, with content generated through a combination of open calls, by invitation, and by integration with RES activities, potentially in partnership with other organisations.

The Economic Journal SIs will provide RES and its members with the opportunity to advance the frontier of current knowledge on issues of particular importance for science and society through the publication of discrete issues and sections containing individual original pieces of research connected by a single theme. Themes will include, but are not limited to, current economic issues, new developments in economic science, and issues of crucial importance for science and society.

RES is seeking to appoint a Special Issues Editor to the Editorial Board of *The Economic Journal* to oversee this new initiative from autumn 2024. The new editor will be responsible for generating, editing and publishing SI content either as discrete themed issues or as sub-sections within *The Economic Journal*. It is anticipated that the Editor will serve a 4-year term (renewable after 2 years, subject to a performance and remuneration review).

Role responsibilities

The Special Issues Editor will have ultimate responsibility for SI editorial decisions and content published in the Journal. They will not have influence on the editorial decisions or processes related to 'regular' EJ content.

The Special Issues Editor will be responsible for:

- Generating ideas for SIs in consultation with the EJ Editorial Board.
- Facilitating communication and coordination of SI activities including themes, Guest Editors (GEs), and production / scheduling with the EJ Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Board, the RES Publications Manager, and the publisher (OUP).
- Assigning the theme to each scheduled special issue / section of a regular issue.
- Appointing GEs for each issue where appropriate. If there is a need for a given SI, GEs may be drawn from the EJ Editorial Board (including Joint Managing Editors and Associate Editors) and Associate Editors from *The Econometrics Journal* Editorial Board).



- Developing and organizing open calls for papers on assigned SI themes / topics (possibly in collaboration with GEs) and inviting / commissioning content where appropriate.
- Ensuring that the publisher's production deadlines are met, overseeing the work of GEs, and enforcing a high quality, speedy review process in collaboration with the Editorial Office and Data Editor.
- Proposing, developing, and organizing workshops / RES annual conference special sessions related to SI content, in collaboration with RES.
- Working with RES to identify potential sources for Open Access funding / sponsorship.

Additional responsibilities

The Special Issues Editor will be a member of the EJ Editorial Board of Joint Managing Editors and will report to the Editor-in-Chief, who reports to the RES Publications Committee.

As a member of the Editorial Board, in addition to the specific responsibilities of the Special Issues Editor role, they will:

- Attend monthly Editorial Board meetings (including the two biannual meetings) by Zoom.
- Conduct other journal business as required, including voting on the annual Austin Robinson Prize; nominating for the Referee Prizes; and supporting the Editor-in-Chief in organizing EJ Special Session(s) at the RES annual conference.
- Contribute to discussions and provide views on EJ editorial appointments to the EiC, including proposing a limited number of Associate Editors.

Terms and Conditions – for all Editors

All Editors of *The Economic Journal* are expected to uphold the highest standards of professional conduct and act in the interests of the journal in promoting high quality and original research.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- dealing with submissions in a prompt and professional manner;
- recusing themselves from Conflict of Interest (CoI) situations (please see below for further details);
- ensuring that each submission sent to referees receives informative reviews;
- ensuring that all papers are fairly assessed;
- abstaining from manipulating the review process; and
- refraining from encouraging the authors to unnecessarily cite their (the editor's) own work.

Upon appointment, all Editors agree to adhere to the Committee on Publication Ethics [COPE Guidelines](#) and the Journal's [Ethics Policies](#). In addition, Editors agree to adhere to the [RES Code of Conduct](#). Appointment is conditional upon the submission and acceptance

of a Conflict of Interest statement to include current colleagues and graduate students at their institution; co-authors of papers published in the past 5 years; students advised in the past 10 years; and family members or any close professional or personal relationship who may submit to the journal.

Desirable Skills, Knowledge and Experience

- A pro-active and entrepreneurial person with high academic standing.
- Willingness and ability to cooperate smoothly with RES, the EJ Editorial Board, Guest Editors, the Editorial Office and the publisher (OUP).
- Experience in an editorial role (Editor, Managing Editor, Guest Editor and/or Associate Editor).
- Experience of editorial submission systems (preferably Editorial Express) and peer review process.
- Knowledge and appreciation of the current environment for publishing academic research.
- Knowledge and understanding of publishing ethics issues.

Term: it is anticipated that the Editor will serve a four-year term (renewable after two years, subject to a performance and remuneration review), commencing no later than October 2024.

The position is remunerated (at the same level as the Journal's Joint Managing Editors).