AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION
Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association

Call for Proposals: Editor-in-Chief

About the Journal

The Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association (JAMCA) is the official, peer-reviewed, open-access publication of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) published quarterly. JAMCA publishes original research, reviews, and short communications on the biology, ecology, surveillance, and control of mosquitoes and other vectors of public health importance, along with related topics in vector-borne disease. The journal has moved to a continuous publication model and has recently reached the highest Journal Impact Factor (JIF 1.4) in its history, alongside sustained growth in submissions and readership. AMCA is seeking an Editor-in-Chief to build on this momentum as the journal enters its next chapter.

Engagement Overview

The Editor-in-Chief holds overall editorial responsibility for JAMCA and reports to the AMCA Board of Directors, with guidance from the JAMCA Editorial Board and Publications Committee. The Editor-in-Chief oversees the peer review and editorial decision-making process for all submitted manuscripts, either directly or through a team of Subject Editors, and serves as the journal's primary editorial voice and ambassador.

This is an independent contractor engagement. AMCA will pay an annual contract fee, within the range and terms stated below, for the scope of work described in this Call for Proposals. The initial appointment is for a four-year term, with an annual performance review conducted by the JAMCA Editorial Board Chair, AMCA President, President-elect, and Secretary/Treasurer, with input from the AMCA Board, JAMCA Editorial Board, and Executive Director. The term may be renewed by mutual agreement of the Editor-in-Chief and the Board following the initial four years.

Scope of Work

- Oversee editorial handling of all manuscripts submitted to JAMCA, from initial review through final disposition.
- Assign incoming manuscripts to Subject Editors according to topic area or handle directly as appropriate; ensure a timely, rigorous, and fair peer review process for every submission.
- Manage manuscript workflow through JAMCA's online submission and peer review system (PeerTrack), including monitoring incoming submissions, assigning reviewers, and tracking manuscripts through to a final decision.
- Render final decisions on manuscript acceptance, rejection, or revision, subject to adjudication by the Editorial Board in the case of an appeal.
- Recruit, mentor, and support a team of Subject Editors with complementary areas of expertise, ensuring the journal's scope is well covered even where the Editor-in-Chief's own specialization does not extend.
- Coordinate with AMCA's production partner, Knowledge Works Global (KGL), on the Meridian publishing platform, including review of galley proofs and timely release of accepted content.
- Work with the JAMCA Editorial Board and AMCA Publications Committee on editorial policy, journal strategy, and continued growth in submissions, readership, and impact.
- Uphold publication ethics and peer review integrity consistent with best practices for scholarly journals (e.g., COPE guidelines), including management of conflicts of interest, authorship disputes, and research integrity concerns.
- Represent JAMCA at the AMCA Annual Meeting and other relevant venues and serve as an ambassador for the journal within the broader mosquito control and vector ecology community.

- Manage the annual editorial budget and provide a quarterly report to the AMCA Board of Directors.

Qualifications

- Typically, 10+ years of professional experience in mosquito control, vector ecology, public health entomology, or a closely related field.
- Prior editorial experience and a demonstrated record of peer review is required.
- Broad familiarity across the discipline sufficient to direct manuscripts to appropriate reviewers and Subject Editors, even outside one's own area of specialization.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills and sound editorial judgment.
- A Master's degree in entomology, biology, vector ecology, or a related field is required.
- Ability to comply with all independent contractor and other applicable laws.

Desirable

- A PhD in entomology, biology, vector ecology, or a related field.
- A strong record of publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- Prior experience serving on a journal Editorial Board, as an Editor, or as a Subject Editor.

A Note on Fit

No single editor is expected to be an expert across every area JAMCA covers. AMCA maintains a team of volunteer Subject Editors to provide depth in specific technical areas. Applicants are encouraged to speak candidly in their application about where their own expertise is strongest.

Compensation

This is an independent contractor engagement. AMCA will pay an annual contract fee not to exceed $27,000, commensurate with the proposal received, for the scope of work described above.

How the Editor-in-Chief resources the work, including any support they choose to engage to carry it out, is at their own discretion. Proposals should reflect the applicant's own approach to fulfilling the scope of work within the stated range.

AMCA will separately reimburse pre-approved travel to the AMCA Annual Meeting and other approved editorial travel. Final terms will be set through contract negotiation with the selected candidate.

Proposal Instructions

Please submit the following as a single application package to Megan MacNee, AMCA Executive Director, at mmacnee@mosquito.org:

- Curriculum vitae
- A letter outlining your interest in the engagement, your proposed approach to the scope of work described above, along with your proposed annual fee within the stated range
- A writing sample
- A brief (1–2 page) statement of editorial vision for JAMCA

Deadline: **UPDATE:** *Applications must be received by 5:00 PM Pacific on Thursday, November 12, 2026.* This is a firm deadline; applications received after this time will not be considered. Questions may be directed to mmacnee@mosquito.org.