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## **APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE POSITION OF EDITOR, the *Journal of Criminology***

Applications are invited for the position of Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology's *Journal of Criminology* for a three-year term beginning 19 December 2025 (with the possibility of renewal for further terms). Applications may propose either a single Editor or an editorial leadership team (eg co-Editors or an Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor).

The *Journal of Criminology* is one of the world's longest-running criminology journals, established in 1968, and is a leading international peer-reviewed journal in the field of criminology (IF: 1.5). The Journal is the flagship journal of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Inc. (ANZSOC) [www.anzsoc.org](http://www.anzsoc.org) and is published by SAGE [www.sagepublications.com](http://www.sagepublications.com).

The Journal is published four times a year, and embraces diverse methodological approaches, being home to a wide range of reports of criminological and interdisciplinary study. The Journal expressly seeks to publish innovative theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented research from around the world, whilst maintaining a strong commitment to high quality research in the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand region.

The current co-editors are Professors Asher Flynn (Monash University) and Rebecca Wickes (Griffith University). Their term as Editors will end in December 2025. During their tenure as Editors, they have:

- Achieved greater diversity of the Editorial Board membership including Indigenous and First Nations representation and representation of a diversity of criminological scholarship, geographical location, career level (including ECR representation), and gender.
- Developed the Indigenous Research Statement and mentorship opportunities for Indigenous PhD and ECR submissions to the Journal.
- Improved and streamlined the manuscript review process to reduce time to publication, including the development of processes to support all editorial team members, Associate Editors and Special Issue Editors.
- Developed a formalised process for Special Issues.
- Raised the profile of the Journal at international, regional and national level.
- Established a social media profile and strategy for the Journal on X/Bluesky and LinkedIn.

The new Editor(s) will be expected to build on these achievements.

The Editor (or one co-Editor, by agreement) becomes an ordinary member of the ANZSOC Committee of Management ex officio. As such, the Editor must be a member of the Society and must be available to sit as a member of the Committee of Management and be approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Editor cannot simultaneously hold any other position on the Committee of Management.

The responsibilities of the Editor include:

- Building on and leading the strategic development of the Journal.
- Developing criteria for review of papers for publication, selecting reviewers, ensuring timely submission of articles for publication in the Journal, and maintaining high standards of quality.
- Editing the articles of each issue of the Journal for technical content, form, clarity, and accuracy – other than copy-editing.
- Compiling each issue of the Journal and providing SAGE electronically (on an on-going and timely basis) with all contributions accepted for publication.
- Managing and developing the Editorial Board, ensuring members reflect the diversity of the field.
- Actively participating in the ANZSOC Committee of Management, including attending monthly Committee meetings and regular reporting to the Committee on matters concerning the Journal.
- Representing and promoting the Journal, with the support of the SAGE marketing team.

The role of Editor is a non-remunerated position. ANZSOC will support the employment of the Managing Editor (Dr Rebecca Powell) at 0.2FTE. The Managing Editor is responsible for day-to-day administrative duties and provides support to the Editor.

The role of Editor of the Journal of Criminology, one of the world's leading criminology journals, comes with a number of professional benefits, including:

- Immersion at the cutting edge of criminological research, internationally, regionally and within Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Enhanced and expanded professional and academic networks across a diverse group of scholars, including academics, practitioners, and policy-makers.
- Membership of the ANZSOC Committee of Management.
- Career progression opportunities, particularly for Level D academics.
- Mentoring opportunities.

## TO APPLY:

Applicants should provide a formal proposal for consideration by the Selection Committee **no later than close of business Friday 1 August 2025**. To be considered, proposals must include the following four components:

1. A statement of up to 2 pages addressing the following selection criteria:
  - Earned doctorate or terminal degree in criminology, criminal justice, law or socio-legal studies, or a related field.
  - Senior academic rank (Associate or full Professor) or equivalent (eg Research Director).
  - Demonstrated record of scholarly research activity.
  - Demonstrated editorial experience, such as editorial responsibilities for other high quality scholarly publications, past experience as referee, Associate Editor, Special Issue Editor, or Editorial Board member of an academic journal, or other prior editorial experience.
  - Ongoing employment at a named host institution in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand or the Pacific and evidence (in writing) that the host institution is willing to support the editorial duties throughout the full term of the Editor's appointment.
  - Membership of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Inc.
2. A one-page statement of the applicant's editorial philosophy for the *Journal of Criminology* including thoughts on the subject of improving the current impact factor of the Journal and maintaining it at a level generally associated with high quality international journals.
3. A *curriculum vitae* from the applicant(s) – 10 page limit.
4. A statement describing the character and extent of financial and other support provided by the applicant's host institution, including any release time, accommodation, IT facilities or support, stationery and other facilities or services that the host institution will commit to support the position.

The Editor will be appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed for a further three years with the approval of the Committee of Management of ANZSOC.

Further information is available from Associate Professor Angela Higginson, President, ANZSOC - Phone +61 3138 4491 or email [president@anzsoc.org](mailto:president@anzsoc.org)

Applications **must be emailed** to the President, ANZSOC Inc., [president@anzsoc.org](mailto:president@anzsoc.org) by **close of business Friday 1 August 2025**. The incoming Editor will be advised of their appointment by October, to commence on 19 December 2025.