International Anesthesia Research Society

Anesthesia & Analgesia Editorial Fellowship
Program Description and Application Guidelines

Application Deadline: December 31, 2026

Anesthesia & Analgesia (*A&A*), the official journal of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS), is seeking to appoint up to 12 Editorial Fellows for the 2027 cycle. Directed mainly at current residents, specialty trainees and fellows, or early-career researchers across our content spectrum, selected Editorial Fellows join our Journal Editorial Board to shadow and to learn from the work of editors, while also completing a project relevant to the science and practice of scholarly publishing. Applications are also welcome from more senior colleagues wishing to re-engage with academic anesthesia and reviewing.

Applications are welcome from all countries. If selected, IARS membership is a requirement to participate in the Editorial Fellowship.

A vital goal of *Anesthesia & Analgesia* is to foster the global research community by addressing the needs of individuals in the early stages of their clinical and academic careers. Understanding the journal peer review process and acquiring journal editorial skills are essential for academicians and clinical researchers—yet are seldom well addressed during doctoral education and postdoctoral training.

The ***A&A* Editorial Fellowship** is designed to mentor and train early-career individuals interested in better understanding and more effectively contributing to scholarly publishing. During this 12-month opportunity, the Editorial Fellow will join our Journal team to acquire skills, gain experience, and receive behind-the-scenes insights into every aspect of journal editorial work. *A&A* expects that this Editorial Fellowship will strengthen the participants' multidimensional yet interrelated roles as researchers, educators, authors, peer reviewers, and grant applicants.

Objectives, Responsibilities, and Deliverables

- Spend two 6-month blocks of time interacting online (virtually) with two different *A&A* Section Editors or *A&A Practice* Editors, as well as Correspondence Editor, Digital Content Editor, or where a preference is expressed, Statistical Editor, to gain a broad experience
- Observe and participate in the handling and peer review of submitted manuscripts to *A&A* or *A&A Practice*, under the direct tutelage of a Journal Editor
- Observe and participate in the technical craft of the associated activities, when assigned to Correspondence, Social Media, Statistical, or Graphics Editor
- Learn how to merge invited peer reviewer comments, construct manuscript decision letters, and line-edit manuscripts for style and syntax before final acceptance
- Devote approximately 4 hours per week to fellowship-related activities
- Meet remotely (virtually) with fellowship mentor/preceptor on a weekly basis
- Attend remotely (virtually), and when and where possible in-person, Editorial Board meetings held 2 to 3 times per year
- Undertake a longitudinal project related to their activities and the wider science of scholarly publishing, under the mentorship of one or more Journal Editors, to be presented at a major national/international meeting—with the ultimate goal to submit its findings for publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- Contribute as a co-author to an editorial published in *A&A*
- Compile a written and oral report (extended abstract) at the end of the fellowship, to be presented to the Editorial Board

Eligibility

*Essential criteria (*except for early or later career applicants who have completed their training; **does not apply to those still in training)*

- Medical degree or doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) is required.
- Current stage of professional development (three options):
- Enrolled or registered in an anesthesiology residency or anesthesiology-related fellowship training program, with a letter of support from their program director*
- Enrolled in a postdoctoral research fellowship, with a letter of support from their program director*
- Early academic career anesthesiologist at the assistant professor or equivalent level: individuals who have completed residency or fellowship training within the last 5 years, are also encouraged to apply. Those beyond 5 years with mitigating circumstances are encouraged to outline those mitigations in their application.**
- English language fluency

Desirable criteria

- An interest in academic-related, clinical or scientific research: for example, being a principal investigator or co-investigator of a study
- Direct experience of publication (e.g., authorship or presentation of scholarly work)

Application Process

- *A&A* uses an online application portal for its Editorial Fellowship, which can be accessed here: https://form.jotform.com/262846037477164 includes:
  - Submit a cover letter regarding our *A&A* Editorial Fellowship, describing:
    - The reasons for your interest in it (300 words)
    - How you meet its eligibility criteria (300 words)
    - Your 4 preferred areas of academic interest and either clinical (e.g., cardiac; neuro; obstetric; pediatric anesthesia; critical care medicine; pain medicine; perioperative medicine; other subspecialty) or basic science content expertise
  - If any of the following Journal aspects are of particular interest to you, provide an explanation, and one or more may be assigned to you during your term as a Journal Fellow: (a) Case Reports; (b) Correspondence; (c) Statistics; (d) Social Media; (e) Graphics; (f) Podcasts and Webinars; if all are of equal interest, state "no preference."
  - Submit a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV), including a full publication list and previous substantive experience with peer reviewing, podcast creation, and social media.
  - If applicable, submit a Letter of Support as described under the Eligibility section above.
  - The Cover Letter, CV and Letter of Support, if applicable, should all be submitted as a single file. Upload these required application materials via the above online portal.

For questions about the application process, contact Daniel Mount at dmount@iars.org.

Anesthesia & Analgesia (*A&A*) is committed to promoting equitable participation and partnership within international community the Journal serves. We recognize the need to increase representation within our Journal Editorial Board and peer reviewers through greater inclusion and diversity. We strongly encourage Editorial Fellowship applicants from groups and individuals heretofore under-represented in academic anesthesiology and its subspecialties, including the basic sciences, as well as scholarly publishing writ large.