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Call for Reviewers

Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research is seeking individuals with diverse areas of expertise to serve as peer reviewers.

A reviewer's responsibilities include reviewing manuscripts for clarity, accuracy, and research rigor; identifying the strengths and weaknesses of manuscripts; providing authors with specific, detailed comments on how to improve their manuscripts; and, ultimately, providing the editor-in-chief with recommendations for accepting or rejecting manuscripts for publication.

Feedback from SSWR members was that publishing research manuscripts took too long and reviews were frequently unhelpful. With these concerns in mind, the Society launched *JSSWR* with a commitment to provide contributors with constructive manuscript reviews, and in a timely fashion.

- Manuscript reviews must be “positive”—that is, critical and constructive, even when the recommendation is to reject the manuscript.
- We expect our reviewers to provide helpful direction where possible, such as directing authors to literature that might have been overlooked or to methods that might allow more nuanced analysis and findings.
- Reviews are performed within 3 weeks of manuscript submission.

To protect our reviewers' time, we will ask each to conduct no more than four reviews a year.

Reviewer Requirements and Expectations

To ensure *JSSWR*'s continuing tradition of rapid, high-quality reviews, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must possess a strong command of the English language, including verbal and written fluency;
- Must agree to review manuscripts in a timely manner (typically 3 weeks);
- Must agree not to distribute submissions or to disclose information within manuscripts;
- Must agree to provide authors with detailed comments and scholarly feedback on their manuscripts;
- Must agree to be released as a reviewer after three refusals to review or late reviews;
- Must agree to be rated as a reviewer (ratings influence future selection to review).

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer for *JSSWR*, please contact Editor-in-Chief Mark Fraser at mfraser@email.unc.edu and provide the following:

- Name
- E-mail Address
- Institutional Affiliation
- Country
- Areas of expertise (including substantive and methodological areas of interest)
- Number of academic journal reviews completed to date
- Your current resume or CV as an attachment to your e-mail.

Please contact the *JSSWR* editorial office at mfraser@email.unc.edu with any questions.

