

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
EDITOR OF Q OPEN
STARTING AUTUMN 2023

The European Agricultural and Applied Economics Publications Foundation, in short EAAEP Foundation, is seeking to appoint a new Editor for Q OPEN for the period beginning September 2023 (or as soon as possible thereafter). The new appointment is to replace Vincenzina Caputo, who steps down. Candidates should have an extensive knowledge of the relevant literature, especially in the area of food and stated preference research methods. They should have an excellent publishing record and proven reviewing expertise. Experience as a member of the Editorial Board of a scientific journal is an advantage. A stimulating vision regarding the position and development of the young open access journal Q OPEN should accompany these scholarly requirements. Ability to work in a team and to manage deadlines effectively is definitely required.

Profile of Q OPEN

Q OPEN is a scientific journal that publishes peer-reviewed research papers. It is a young journal that is on track to qualify for an impact factor. Q Open aims to be an inclusive forum for applied economics research broadly in the area of agricultural and environmental economics and cognate fields. The main areas of coverage are:

- agricultural economics
- environmental and climate economics
- natural resource economics
- development economics (agricultural/rural topics)
- food economics (and related nutrition- and health economics topics)

Q Open welcomes replications and 'null-result' research. It also welcomes pre-registered experimental research, where an empirical research project and its methodology are peer-reviewed prior to data collection. The final article is then provisionally accepted on condition that the author follows the registered methodology.

Q Open operates 'sound-science' peer review, where the focus is on scientific rigour and reflects the state-of-the-art in the field. The editorial decision on acceptance/rejection relies less on the, often, subjective evaluations of likely impact, novelty, or breadth of interest.

Q Open is committed to fast peer-review, and aims to provide authors with a first decision within 4-6 weeks of submission. Authors are encouraged to share the decision letter and reviews from previous submissions to assist the editors and to make the review process as efficient as possible. In most cases, the editors will seek at least one further review. Authors have the option to choose a no-revision review. This means that they are guaranteed not to receive a decision requiring them to do a major revision. Under this option, submissions that require substantial revision will be rejected.

(see: <https://academic.oup.com/qopen/pages/about>)

Ownership and legally defined parameters

The EAAEP Foundation (<http://www.eaaep.org/>), which is the publication committee of the European Association of Agricultural Economists (<http://www.eaae.org/>) and the publisher Oxford University Press (OUP) own Q OPEN. It is published in digital format by OUP. Q OPEN operates with an editor-in-chief and four area editors, supported by 20 associate editors. As the journal is young and all editors started at the same moment, we work towards a rotation system in which the normal term for an editor is 4 years, which can be extended to a total of 6 years.

Current Q OPEN Editors

Editorship is currently shared as follows:

Editor-in-chief: Iain Fraser, University of Kent, United Kingdom (Agricultural Economics)

Area Editors:

- Erwin Bulte, Wageningen University, Netherlands (Development Economics)
- Phoebe Koundouri, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece (Climate and Resource Economics)
- David Lewis, Oregon State University, USA (Environmental Economics)
- Vincenzina Caputo, Michigan State University, USA (Food, Nutrition and Health Economics)

Editors' duties and method of working

The main duty of the Editors is to provide the publisher with material for publication in Q OPEN that is of good scientific and presentational quality, selected according to the journal's submission and peer-review protocols. The working language is English. The full contractual duties are set out in an Editors' Contract between the Editors, Oxford University Press and the EAAEP Foundation. For information about the contractual duties please contact any of the following persons:

- The editor-in-chief: Iain Fraser I.M.Fraser@kent.ac.uk
- The publisher: Sarah Levine Sarah.Levine@oup.com
- The chair of the EAAEP foundation: thomas.heckelei@ilr.uni-bonn.de
- The honorary secretary-treasurer of the EAAEP Foundation, Krijn Poppe kjpoppe@hccnet.nl.

OUP provides the following support for the editorial process: on-line editorial software (Manuscript Central) for the submission and review of papers, which includes all the services of a virtual office including on-line tracking and storage facilities for correspondence and documents; an editorial assistant based in Oxford; all technical and production services from the point of manuscript acceptance onwards to publication. Nearly all communication amongst editors, as well as between editors and authors, referees and editorial assistant, occurs digitally.

Editors' compensation

OUP currently pays an area editor € x,000. - per year.

Application process

Applicants are requested to send their application by e-mail before August 1, 2023 to:

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer EAAEP Foundation (kjpoppe@hccnet.nl).

The application must consist of:

- 1) A letter of motivation (including applicant's vision for the Q OPEN)
- 2) CV with specific emphasis on the qualifications required for an Editor of Q OPEN

Applications will be considered by the current Editor-in-Chief in consultation with the area editors, by Board members of the EAAEP Foundation and by OUP. Potential applicants who would like more information before applying are encouraged to contact the editor-in-chief whose email address is listed above.