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## **Call for Applications: Associate Editors for *Professional School Counseling***

*Professional School Counseling (PSC)*, the flagship journal of the American School Counselor Association, is seeking **two associate editors** to join our editorial leadership team. We invite applications from **full-time school counseling faculty in school counselor preparation programs** who are dedicated to advancing rigorous scholarship and elevating the school counseling profession.

As the flagship journal of the school counseling profession, *PSC* is a rigorous peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality manuscripts on theory, research and best practices for the profession. The full digital publication also explores techniques, materials and ideas to assist school counselors and related practitioners at all levels in their professional development. The journal helps strengthen the bonds among school counselors and helps promote a shared understanding of the role, problems and progress of school counseling across various settings and levels.

### **Role Overview**

Associate editors support *PSC* by making informed editorial decisions on manuscripts *after* the peer-review process. Manuscripts are assigned by the publication manager, and associate editors evaluate reviewer feedback, assess the manuscript's contribution to the field and issue final editorial recommendations.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide editorial decisions on **8–10 manuscripts annually** within the 30-day deadline for manuscript decisions.
- Evaluate reviewer comments and offer clear, constructive author guidance when revisions are needed
- Make recommendations that support the journal's scholarly quality, relevance and alignment with *PSC*'s mission to advance the school counseling profession by publishing rigorous, peer-reviewed research, theory, and best practices that support school counselors' professional growth, strengthen collaboration across the field, and promote a shared understanding of roles, challenges, and progress in diverse educational settings.

- Collaborate with the associate editor team and publication manager on journal direction
- In decisioning manuscripts, prioritize equitable, high-impact research that benefits **school counselors and the students and communities** they serve

*Please note: Associate editors do not manage or oversee the peer-review workflow.*

## Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Hold a **full-time faculty or administrative (e.g., dean, provost, etc.) appointment** in **school counseling** within a **school counselor preparation program**
- Demonstrate an active record of scholarly publication in Professional School Counseling and/or other national journals on the topic of school counseling
- Bring expertise aligned with *PSC*'s mission and the needs of the school counseling profession
- Maintain active membership in ASCA and uphold a unified, professional school counselor identity for school counselors who design, implement and assess school counseling programs that promote success for each and every student.
- Demonstrate alignment with the ASCA National Model<sup>®</sup>, ASCA Student Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success, ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors and ASCA School Counselor Professional Standards & Competencies.

Preferred qualifications include:

- **Prior experience as a practicing school counselor**
- Prior experience as an author and reviewer for school counseling journals
- A demonstrated commitment to equity and inclusive research practices

## Application Materials

Please submit the following:

1. **Letter of interest** outlining your relevant background, scholarly and editorial strengths and vision for supporting *PSC*
2. **Current curriculum vitae**
3. **Names and contact information for two professional references**

## How to Apply

Send all materials as a single PDF to publication manager Angie Hickman, CAE, at [ahickman@schoolcounselor.org](mailto:ahickman@schoolcounselor.org). Please use the subject line: "PSC Associate Editor Application – [Your Name]"

## Application deadline: May 9

For inquiries or additional information, please contact Angie Hickman at [ahickman@schoolcounselor.org](mailto:ahickman@schoolcounselor.org).