



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CHIEF EDITOR, INDIAN JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY (2025-2030)

Indian Pharmacological Society is seeking candidates to serve as Chief Editor for its official publication, Indian Journal of Pharmacology (IJP).

IJP publishes original research articles, reviews, research letters and correspondences.

The journal is indexed in EMBASE/ Excerpta Medica, Indian Science Abstracts, IndMed, MedInd, MEDLINE/Index Medicus, PubMed Central, Scimago Journal Ranking, SCOPUS, Science Citation Index Expanded, Web of Science.

Impact Factor® as reported in the 2023 Journal Citation Reports® (Clarivate Analytics, 2024): is 1.4.

Eligibility criteria -

- i. The applicant should have ten years life membership status in Indian Pharmacological Society and served the society as executive committee member at least for one term.
- ii. The age of the applicant should be below 55 years.
- iii. The applicant should be employee of academic, industry or government organization with a minimum of 10 years work experience.
- iv. The applicant should not be involved in any legal cases / financial fraud.
- v. The applicant must be nominated by two and one must be eminent pharmacologist who is a life member of the IPS.
- vi. The applicant served for two consecutive terms as Chief Editor is not eligible for the mentioned position.
- vii. The applicant should have experience with the journal editorial process (preferably served on the Editorial Board or as a journal guest editor).
- viii. The applicant must submit 'No Objection Certificate' from their respective organizations to take this honorary assignment.
- ix. The applicant should submit 'No Conflict of Interest' declaration along with application.
- x. The applicant should have a strong track record of international publications and a strong network in pharmacology.

- xi. The applicant should have excellent oral and written communication skills.
- xii. The applicant should have high professional stature and previous editorial board/associate editor/editorial experience.
- xiii. The applicant should have strong scientific and relational integrity.
- xiv. The applicant should have good business understanding, creativity and ability to work with a team.
- xv. The applicant should have ability to lead, inspire and organize teams with a strong scientific and technical background in order to achieve the goals of the journal.

Appointment and term

Chief Editor is expected to serve in the position for a term of five-year.

Responsibilities of the Chief Editor

- The Chief Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the Indian Journal of Pharmacology. For the publication of the journal, the Chief Editor shall be supported by an editorial Board, and editorial assistant.
- Setting the vision of the Journal for next five years
- Review and adapt the vision, mission and content of IJP to increase its impact, size, reach and visibility.
- Employing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategies
- Identifying and nominating qualified Editorial Board candidates to the Executive committee
- Devising and designing a high-quality, rapid peer-review process
- Establishing the Journal's high impact and reputation by identifying prominent researchers in the wider international community and soliciting high-quality articles for Journal issues
- Working closely with the Editorial board, staff, and publishing partner to ensure that all the Journal's processes and protocols are properly established/ stabilized and strictly followed.
- Ensuring content quality, peer-review processing efficiency, and manuscript submissions lag time
- Achieving the highest possible figures of merit including impact factor
- Staying abreast of the latest technical developments in the Journal's technical scope
- Setting Editorial Board meeting agendas and reporting relevant issues to the Executive Committee
- Representing the Journal and Editorial Board as a member of the Executive Committee
- Represent the journal at scientific meetings and events and to build relationships with relevant scientific associations.
- Supporting the principles of ethics, transparency, openness, and best practices in scholarly publishing.

- Responsible for ethical issues and queries/concerns from authors, with guidance and support provided by the publisher and in line with COPE and other relevant guidelines.
- Ensuring that copies of the journal are furnished to all life members, the Indian National Science Academy and to other recognized sponsors.

HOW TO APPLY

Self-nominations are encouraged.

Only applications written in English will be accepted for evaluation.

The application in a **prescribed form of IPS-10** with following documents shall be sent **by email** only to the General Secretary, Indian Pharmacological Society at **bkalakumar@rediffmail.com** , **not later than 25 June 2025 Midnight.**

1. A motivation letter
2. Brief biodata (500-words maximum)
3. Detailed CV
4. Degree certificates (Bachelors, Post Graduate, PhD etc.)
5. Up to 05 published scientific papers (full text) considered by the applicant to the most important for this position
6. An editor portfolio detailing the candidate's prior editor experience and editor skills
7. A plan to develop and grow the journal, in particular addressing the global move, detailing the candidate's specific ideas and plans for next 5 years
8. No objection certificate from the current employer
9. No conflict-of-interest declaration

The nominations will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the President, IPS and final Selection of the Chief Editor will be done by the expert committee already constituted, and a final decision is expected no later than the Mid July 2025.

The IPS for the Publication of IJP wishes our members to reflect the diversity of society and thus welcomes applications from all qualified candidates regardless of personal background.