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## **Call for Applications - Editor-in-Chief, *Investigaciones Regionales – Journal of Regional Research***

The Spanish Regional Science Association (<https://aecr.org>) seeks candidates for the position of editor-in-chief of the official journal of the association, *Investigaciones Regionales / Journal of Regional Research* (<https://investigacionesregionales.org>), starting June the 1st, 2024 for a three-year term.

*Investigaciones Regionales / Journal of Regional Research* is an international journal that publishes high quality papers in applied regional science. It is a well established paper, with high impact factor (Q2 in Scopus 2022, Q1 FECYT, and accredited with excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Science, and expecting Clarivate's impact factor for the 2024 edition).

It welcomes papers from a range of academic disciplines including economics, political science, public policy, geography, planning, environmental science and related fields.

Candidates should be AECR members in good standing, with a wide knowledge of urban and regional phenomena as well as distinguished records of scholarly contributions internationally. Candidates should also possess strong intellectual vision, leadership and organizational abilities, and experience relevant to editing a journal in the field of regional science.

The editor's primary responsibility is to continue to enhance the journal's quality, reputation, and scholarship. The editor will be expected to strengthen the journal's competitive position.

The editor will work with the existing Editorial Team of associate editors and potentially suggest some additional names. The candidate should propose also a strategy to renew the Editorial Board, both in terms of names and roles.

The Editor in Chief of *Investigaciones Regionales / Journal of Regional Research* reports to the AECR Council. Detailed information on responsibilities and on the process for applying for the editor-in-chief position is available below.

Letters of interest must be received within **February 28th, 2024**.

### **Specific duties of the Editor-in-Chief:**

1. Maintaining and updating the aims and scope of the journal, editorial policies, and guidelines to authors.

2. Overseeing the manuscript peer review process through the publisher's on-line submission portal (Open Journal System) in an unbiased, confidential, and timely manner.
3. Working with the editorial manager to check proofs and revisions to proofs.
4. Preparing and forwarding accepted manuscripts to the publisher's production department.
5. Coordinating standards and practices across the Editorial Team and managing the workload of the Associate Editors.
6. Maintaining close and regular contact with the AECR on marketing and production matters.
7. Initiating and responding to correspondence with authors, managing editors, and reviewers.
8. Recruiting, selecting, and appointing members of the Editorial Team and Board that reflect the diversity of regional science and addressing any performance issues.
9. Appointing associate editors (to be approved by the AECR Council). The Editorial Team (editor and associate editors) will be comprised of AECR (or RSAI) members with high stature and respect in the community, and with the expertise to manage the breadth of regional science. Promoting young scholars to editorial positions is also welcomed.
10. Soliciting and managing special issues, selecting guest editors, and providing advice and assistance to guest editors.
11. Adhering to the page budget and financial structures set by AECR, and supporting the search of financial sustainability of the journal.
12. Serving as a non-voting ex officio member of the AECR Council and other governing bodies of the Association.
13. Reporting to the AECR Council through regular reports at Council meetings.
14. Reporting to the journal Editorial Board through board meetings held at least once a year.

### **Application process:**

Interested individuals should submit an application package that includes:

- A letter of interest and qualifications;
- A vision statement for the next three to six years of publication of IIRR/JRR.
- A curriculum vitae;
- The names and contact information of three references.

All requested information should be submitted by e-mail to the Secretary of the AECR, [info@aecr.org](mailto:info@aecr.org).