

## CCS Journals Peer-Review Opportunities for CCS Trainees

The *Canadian Journal of Cardiology (CJC)*, *CJC Open (CICO)*, and *CJC Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease (CJCPC)* are excited to offer a new cohort of trainees the opportunity to participate in the peer-review process in a very direct and high-level fashion. We will be accepting applications for the following positions:

- Trainee Member of the *CJC*, *CICO*, *CJCPC* Editorial Board
- Trainee Member of the *CJC*, *CICO*, *CJCPC* Reviewer List

These positions come with significant responsibility and will be mentored.

### Eligibility:

- Proficient in reading and editing in English (the primary language of the *CJC/CICO/CJCPC*).
- [Trainee member of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society \(CCS\)](#), including enrolment in a cardiovascular training program (cardiac surgery, cardiology and its subspecialties, or basic/clinical research in a degree-granting program or post-doctoral fellowship) that continues until at least December 2023.
- Mentor sponsorship and support (see below for further details).
- Academic activities in the form of peer-reviewed publications or previous reviewing and/or editorial experience are highly valued.

**Length of Term:** Two years, January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

### Specific responsibilities and expectations:

- Consultation on journal issues as requested by the editors.
- Depending on their background and experience, trainees can choose to restrict their participation to a subset of the journals if appropriate.
- Timely and high-quality review of manuscripts assigned by the Journals. This entails:
  - Assessing manuscripts for content, quality, and relevance for publication in the Journals.
  - Preparing a written evaluation of the manuscript and a recommendation to the Editor-In-Chief regarding suitability for publication.
  - Reviewing up to one-two manuscripts per month (Editorial Board Member) and up to about one manuscript/month (Reviewer List). Manuscripts are assigned routinely and must have a formal written evaluation completed within one-two weeks.

### Faculty Mentor

- All Trainee Members of the Editorial Board will be mentored by a faculty member. Faculty mentors are required to provide a letter of sponsorship as part of the application process.
- Mentors are expected to assist the Trainee Members in the review process and ensure that the Trainee Member submits high-quality reviews in a timely manner.
- Faculty members should either be selected from the current *CJC/CJCO/CJCPC* Editorial Boards (preferred), be a frequent reviewer with the Journal, or possess significant experience in academic peer review.
- If a mentor is not available, trainees are advised to contact the CJC Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Stanley Nattel ([stanley.nattel@icm-mhi.org](mailto:stanley.nattel@icm-mhi.org)), CJCO Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Michelle Graham ([mmg2@ualberta.ca](mailto:mmg2@ualberta.ca)), or CJCPC Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Kevin Harris ([kharris2@cw.bc.ca](mailto:kharris2@cw.bc.ca)), for suggestions prior to submitting their application.

### Additional information

- Applicants will receive a decision letter regarding their application in October 2022.
- Trainee Members of the Editorial Board will be listed on the *CJC*, *CJCO*, and/or *CJCPC* website
- Trainees that are not selected for the Editorial Board will be considered (if they so choose) to serve on the Reviewer list for the *CJC/CJCO/CJCPC*.

### Application Information

- Applicants are required to submit the following:
  - **Letter of Intent (max 500 words)**, detailing your interest for joining the Editorial Board, and your previous experiences and skills that you would bring to the position.
  - **Mentor Sponsorship Letter (max 500 words)**, outlining the mentor's motivation for taking on this role and their support for your application. Applications without a letter of sponsorship will not be considered.
  - **Résumé (max 4 pages)**, detailing your previous experiences. A list of your publications must be included.

**Submit your application here:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022\\_CCS\\_journals\\_trainee\\_ed\\_board](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022_CCS_journals_trainee_ed_board)

Application Deadline: September 23, 2022