

**Editor Search**  
**The Social Science Journal (SSJ)**  
**World Social Science Association (WSSA)**

The Western Social Science Association announces the search for a new editor or editors for the *Social Science Journal (SSJ)*. The WSSA is seeking a qualified individual who will edit the *Journal* starting March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. Nominations and self-nominations are encouraged.

**Aims and Scope:**

The *Social Science Journal* is the official journal of the World Social Science Association, formerly the Western Social Science Association. The principal purpose of the *Journal* is to publish scholarly work in those social sciences closely related to the academic sections promoted at the Annual Conference of WSSA. Please see (<https://wssaconference.com/conference-info/sections>). The *Journal* is open to research manuscripts using a variety of methodologies (Ethnographic, Qualitative, Quantitative, Mixed Methods, Theoretical, Case Study, Speculative, Comparative Studies, Program Review, Survey Research, and/or A-Theoretical research) with a clear focus on the social sciences. Additionally, manuscripts with national, and international impact, as well as manuscripts resulting from significant generalizable research of a regional or local nature that informs, both scholarship and world opinion are very welcome.

**Requirements:**

1. Ph.D. in a social science field.
2. Record of scholarly research and publication.
3. Institutional support preferred.
4. Excellent organizational skills.
5. Excellent communication (writing) skills.
6. Prior journal editorial experience not required, but welcomed.

**Responsibilities:**

- Serve as pedagogical editor of the *Social Science Journal (SSJ)*.
- Work with current Publisher to meet all deadlines.
- Maintain and when necessary, update editorial guidelines and policies.
- Manage the review process for manuscripts submitted to the Journal.
- Coordination with Book Review Editor.
- Maintain a positive relationship with publishers.
- Select and maintain associate editorial staff as approved by the Executive Council.
- Attend WSSA Executive Council meetings as an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Council in the Fall (Video Conference) and Spring (in person) of each year.

**Other Information:**

Historically, there is a cooperative arrangement between the Association and the Editor's home institution. Proffered home institutional support for: reduced teaching assignment, computer support, and summer salary stipend. A stipend for the Editor may be negotiated. Lodging cost at the conference is supported.

Editing a major multi-disciplinary journal is a complex process that includes: budgeting and other financial issues, managing the editorial process, making final publication decisions, maintaining and enhancing the reputation of the journal, meeting production deadlines, and planning for future issues.

Deadline for application is January 30, 2025. Please submit the following to the Chair of the search committee:

- (1) Vita,
- (2) Letter of Institutional Support from Dean or President,
- (3) Two letters of recommendation, and
- (4) A statement of goals and philosophy for the *Social Science Journal* that includes proposed changes or innovations.

Interviews will be conducted via Zoom. If you wish to nominate a person to serve as Editor, or if you have questions about the responsibilities of serving as Editor for the *SSJ*, you are encouraged to contact the chair of the committee:

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Ad-hoc Committee: WSSA Executive Council