Call for Applications: Co–Editor-in-Chief

International Journal of Early Childhood
(Springer Nature)

The **International Journal of Early Childhood (IJEC) invites applications and nominations for the role of Co–Editor-in-Chief**, to work with the existing Editor-in-Chief to co-lead the journal through its next phase of development.

About the Journal

IJEC is an international, peer-reviewed journal published by Springer Nature. The journal provides a scholarly forum for research that examines early childhood education across the globe. IJEC publishes work that advances theoretical, methodological, and empirical understandings of ECE from critical, interdisciplinary, and culturally informed perspectives.

Role and Responsibilities

The Co–Editor-in-Chief will share responsibility for the overall academic leadership and strategic direction of the journal.

Key responsibilities include:

- Providing intellectual leadership and shaping the journal's scholarly vision and scope
- Managing the peer review process in collaboration with the editorial team and Springer Nature
- Reporting to OMEP and supporting their goals for inclusive publications across the globe
- Making final editorial decisions on submitted manuscripts
- Appointing and working with Associate Editors and the Editorial Board
- Promoting the journal within international research communities
- Identifying emerging areas of scholarship and leading initiatives such as special issues
- Ensuring high standards of academic quality, ethics, equity, and inclusivity

The successful candidate will work closely with the Springer Nature publishing team.

Candidate Profile

Applicants should be internationally recognized scholars with:

- A strong publication record and standing in early childhood education
- Demonstrated expertise aligned with the journal's cultural, critical, and interdisciplinary focus
- Prior editorial experience (e.g., journal editor, associate editor, editorial board member)
- A commitment to collegial, inclusive, and ethical editorial practices
- The ability to dedicate sufficient time to editorial responsibilities

Springer Nature and the journal welcome applications from scholars across geographic regions and encourage nominations of candidates from historically underrepresented groups. **NB: Applicants must be members of OMEP, or willing to make this commitment**.

Term of Appointment

The appointment will be for an initial **fixed term (typically three to five years)**, renewable by mutual agreement and subject to performance review.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit:

1. A **cover letter** outlining their interest in the role and vision for the journal
2. A **curriculum vitae** including full publications list
3. A brief **statement of editorial philosophy and leadership approach** (1–2 pages), including specific plans and innovative strategies to strengthen the journal's reputation
4. Full disclosure statement of conflicts of interest

Applications and nominations should be sent **in English** to **OMEP World Secretary**, *Klara Bahtić,* by **Monday 16 November 2026: secretary@omepworld.org**.

The role commences on 1 December 2026.