



2026 BASHH-IUSTI Editorial fellowships for early career members

As an official journal of both BASHH and IUSTI, the *International Journal of STD & AIDS* is delighted to offer 12-month mentoring fellowships to BASHH and IUSTI early career members.



This will be the first year of this fellowship, which we hope to continue annually. We believe this is an excellent opportunity not only for the BASHH/IUSTI members, but also for the strategic direction and inclusion agenda of the journal.

Editorial fellowship: This 12-month fellowship offers early career members from all disciplines the opportunity to gain mentored experience in peer review and the critical appraisal of scientific manuscripts submitted to the journal. During the 12-month fellowship, Editorial fellows will have their names listed on the editorial board, have access to a peer-review training package, and be provided with mentorship in real peer-review of manuscripts submitted to the journal with the support of the editor and associate editors.

During their mentorship, the editorial fellows have an opportunity to develop their critical appraisal skills, understand the importance and skills required to assess the integrity of well conducted research, identify issues with study design, statistical analysis and data interpretation. Editorial fellows will receive first hand training on constructing and writing peer reviews and the opportunity to be part of the final decision-making process used by journal editors. By the end of the 12-month fellowship, fellows will have the confidence and skills to be able to critically review manuscripts and support editorial decision making. The journal's Editor-in-chief and Sage may invite the fellows to remain on the board at the end of their fellowship as editorial board members. Editorial board members review approximately five manuscripts per year and take part in editorial board meetings to support the editor and journal with strategy.

Editorial fellows will **not** be provided with a stipend or financial remuneration for the role, but the mentorship will be free of charge and offers opportunities for networking, collaboration

and influencing the journal's editorial direction and focus. [Find out more about the benefits of joining an Editorial Board here.](#)

About the Editorial fellows: Candidates should be clinicians, public health professionals, epidemiologists or researchers with a keen interest in sexually transmitted infections & HIV with some evidence of previous completed research. We welcome a diverse range of applicants who are keen to gain experience in peer review, want to engage in the fellowship programme and can commit to the time required. It is expected that editorial fellows should be able to commit to 2-4 hours per month and engage in editorial board activities including attending online meetings.

5-10 editorial fellowships will be offered in the first instance starting in the Summer of 2026 and will be selected by the journal editor and SAGE based on their CV and letter of interest.

Candidates can apply by sending a CV and a 500 word statement of interest to (why you want to become an editorial fellow and what you can offer the programme): STDeditor@sagepub.com by August 1st 2026.