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Associate Editors

Journal of Prevention

An official journal of the European Society for Prevention Research

Become an Associate Editor

- Shape the scientific direction of an international prevention science journal
- Handle up to 10 manuscripts per year — 3-year renewable term
- PhD + active publication and peer-review record in prevention science

Applications encouraged from all genders, regions, disciplines and career stages

Deadline: 20 November 2026

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(Editor-in-Chief)

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The *Journal of Prevention* is seeking accomplished and engaged scholars to join its Editorial Board as Associate Editors.

We welcome applicants with a strong and active research record in prevention science, substantial experience with scholarly peer review, and the scientific and methodological expertise required to evaluate rigorous and innovative research across the field of prevention.

Associate Editors play a central role in maintaining the scientific rigor, relevance, and integrity of the Journal of Prevention. Working closely with the Editor-in-Chief, they oversee peer review for manuscripts within their areas of expertise.

About the Journal of Prevention

The *Journal of Prevention* is the **Official Journal of the European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)** and publishes high-quality research that advances the science and practice of prevention. The journal seeks theoretically informed and methodologically rigorous studies that contribute to understanding the etiology and prevention of behavioral, mental, and physical health problems and to the development, evaluation, implementation, dissemination, and scale-up of effective preventive interventions, programs, practices, and policies.

The journal welcomes research across multiple levels of influence, from individuals and families to schools, communities, healthcare systems, and public policy. It has an international orientation and values research that makes a meaningful contribution to prevention science beyond a single setting or population.

The Role

Associate Editors lead the editorial process for the manuscripts assigned to them, from initial assessment through to a final recommendation to the Editor-in-Chief. They are expected to:

- Assess newly assigned manuscripts for relevance, scientific contribution, methodological rigor, and suitability for external peer review;
- Invite appropriate expert reviewers and oversee a timely and constructive peer-review process;
- Evaluate reviewer reports and authors' responses and provide clear, evidence-based editorial recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief;
- Promote high standards of research integrity, methodological transparency, and scientific reporting;
- Contribute to the journal's scientific direction, including the identification of emerging topics, editorial priorities, and potential special initiatives;
- Support the visibility and international reach of the Journal of Prevention within the prevention science community.

Associate Editors make recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief, who takes final editorial decisions. They will typically be expected to handle up to **10 manuscripts per year.** Appointments are for an initial **three-year term**, with the possibility of renewal. **The position is voluntary and unpaid.**

Who We Are Looking For

Applicants should normally:

- Hold a PhD or equivalent doctoral degree in a field relevant to prevention science;
- Have an established and active record of peer-reviewed publications in prevention science or closely related fields;
- Demonstrate substantial experience as a reviewer for international peer-reviewed journals;
- Have the scientific and methodological expertise and judgment required to independently evaluate the rigor, contribution, and relevance of submitted manuscripts;
- Be able to provide fair, constructive, and timely editorial assessments;

Previous editorial experience as an Associate Editor, Editorial Board member, Guest Editor, or in another editorial role is desirable but not required.

Why Join the Editorial Board?

- Help shape the scientific direction of an international journal dedicated to prevention science;
- Contribute directly to strengthening the rigor, relevance, and impact of research published in the field;
- Develop editorial leadership and decision-making experience;
- Be recognized as a member of the Editorial Board, listed on the journal's website;
- Access Springer Nature's editor training courses and its Editorial Community, an online network for editors and editorial board members;
- Expand professional connections within the international prevention research community.

The Journal of Prevention is committed to building an Editorial Board that reflects the international, interdisciplinary, and diverse nature of prevention science. Applications are strongly encouraged from candidates of all genders and from underrepresented regions, disciplines, methodological traditions, and career stages.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- A brief statement of interest (up to one page) describing their motivation for joining the Journal of Prevention, areas of scientific and methodological expertise, relevant editorial and peer-review experience, and how their expertise would contribute to the journal;
- An up-to-date CV, including a full list of publications;
- A list of 3 to 5 areas of substantive expertise and 2 to 3 areas of methodological expertise in which they would feel comfortable handling manuscripts as Associate Editor;
- Their ORCID iD and a link to their Google Scholar profile;
- A disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and of current editorial roles at other journals.

Applications and inquiries should be directed to **zila.sanchez@unifesp.br (Editor-in-Chief)**

Applications should be received by **November 20th.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Editor-in-Chief and the editorial team, and applicants will be notified of the outcome by **December 15th.**