**Applications are invited for three new Lead Editor roles for *Journal of Applied Microbiology***

[Applied Microbiology International](https://appliedmicrobiology.org/) (AMI) invites applications for three newly created lead editor roles on its flagship journal, [*Journal of Applied Microbiology*](https://academic.oup.com/jambio) *(JAM)*, for an initial 3-year term starting in January 2026.

**About AMI**

Applied Microbiology International is a truly inclusive, global organisation who believe microbiology can solve the world’s greatest challenges. Organised around six core goals, we enable meaningful collaboration to advance scientific impact through our events, publishing and policy work.

**About JAM**

Launched in 1938, *Journal of Applied Microbiology* is the flagship title of Applied Microbiology International, whose members benefit from free online access and discounts on open access publishing fees. *Journal of Applied Microbiology* aims to publish studies which represent a significant advance in the field. The journal serves as a platform to promote all aspects of applied microbiology.

**The Role**

Reporting to the Editor-in-Chief each editor will be responsible for growing one of the key Research Themes for the Journal. We are currently seeking three lead editors, one for each of the following themes:

* Systems microbiology
* Microbiology in health and disease
* Environmental and plant microbiology

For their Research Theme, each editor will be responsible for:

* Triaging papers and assigning appropriate Associate Editors to manage peer review
* Identifying hot topics and authors for commissioned content
* Identifying key events and other potential collaborations and promotional opportunities for the journal
* Promoting the journal through their networks and speaking engagements and soliciting high-quality submissions

**The Candidate**

* Will be an active researcher with an international network and should be able to demonstrate their stature and impact in their field
* Will have experience in an editorial role handling submissions for a reputable journal and some knowledge of publishing ethics
* Will be a team player, committed to providing excellent author service and to AMI’s diversity and inclusion values
* AMI welcomes applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations

**Benefits**

As an editor you will benefit from:

* Extensive editorial and administrative support
* A fixed annual honorarium and travel expenses for face-to-face meetings
* Free membership of AMI for the duration of your tenure

**Applications**

Applicants should submit the following:

* CV including publication history and relevant editorial experience
* A cover letter including strategies for growing the journal (500 words)

If you have any questions or wish to find out more about the role, please contact Kathryn Spiller, Director of Publishing at kathryn@appliedmicrobiology.org for an informal chat.

Applications are due by 24th July 2025, and should be emailed to publishing@appliedmicrobiology.org.Interviews will be held in September