**Applications are invited for the *Letters in Applied Microbiology* (LAM) Early Career Editor & Reviewer Training Programmes 2026-7**

**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 LAM**

Established in 1985, [*Letters in Applied Microbiology*](https://academic.oup.com/lambio)(LAM)is owned by AMI. The journal is hybrid and publishes research and reviews in the broad field of applied microbiology.

LAM is published with our publishing partner, Oxford University Press, under the editorial leadership of Dr Marcela Hernández, Editor-in-Chief.

Our vision for LAM is to be the journal that supports and develops the next generation of applied microbiologists. We are looking to focus on early career researchers and be accessible and inclusive. As such, we have developed the structure of the board to enable us to train the editors of the future.

**Our Training Programmes run for 2 years from January 2026 - December 2027**

**Junior Editors - 14 places**

**The role**

This is an academic editorial role, to be carried out alongside your full time academic/research post.

You will work with your mentor, a Senior Editor, to learn how to handle papers through the peer review process, from submission through to decision, in an efficient and fair way, upholding the highest ethical standards and striving to give all authors the best experience in their interactions with LAM. We expect that you will handle 15-25 papers per year. You will actively participate in editorial board meetings, contribute Ideas and act as an ambassador for the journal within your community.

**Candidates**

We are seeking candidates who

* are active researchers and hold a current position in a university or research institute
* have completed a PhD within the last six years (career breaks will be taken into consideration, please give details)
* have published at least one article in a reputable academic journal
* have expertise in one of the following topics within applied microbiology:

**Antimicrobials, antimicrobial resistance, biofilms, infectious diseases, infection control, foodborne pathogens, gut microbiome, food production & safety, fermentation, functional foods, probiotics, environmental microbiology, biodegradation/bioremediation, biogeochemical cycling, water quality, public health microbiology, agricultural microbiology, soil microbiology, plant microbiology.**

**Junior Reviewers - 7 places**

**The role**

This is an academic editorial role, to be carried out alongside your full time academic/research post.

You will work with your mentor, a Senior Editor, to learn how to review papers in a thorough, efficient and fair way, upholding the highest ethical standards and striving to give all authors the best experience in their interactions with LAM. We expect that you will review 1-2 papers per month throughout the two-year programme. You will actively participate in online editorial meetings, contribute ideas and act as an ambassador for the journal within your community.

**Candidates**

We are seeking candidates who

* are active researchers with a current university or research institute affiliation
* from final year PhD to within 3 years post PhD (career breaks will be taken into consideration, please give details)
* have expertise in one of the following topics within applied microbiology:

**Antimicrobials, Antimicrobial resistance, biofilms, infectious diseases, foodborne pathogens, food production & safety, fermentation, functional foods, probiotics, environmental/water microbiology, Agricultural microbiology, soil microbiology, plant microbiology**

We encourage applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds from across the globe

**Benefits**

* Free AMI membership for the duration of the programme
* Free registration for the LAM Early Career research Symposium
* A certificate at completion of training from AMI

**Applications**

Applicants should submit the following:

* CV
* A letter of application stating clearly which training programme they wish to apply for and outlining their interest in the role (500 words)

**Applications are due by Thursday 18th September**, and should be emailed to publishing@appliedmicrobiology.org.