Call for New JRST Editors

NARST, a Worldwide Organization for Improving Science Education through Research, is searching for the new Editor of the *Journal of Research in Science Teaching* (*JRST*) for 2020-2025. Applications will be welcomed either by individuals for the position of sole Editor or for the position of Co-Editors. *JRST* is a leading international journal and as such applications are encouraged from international members. The position provides the person(s) chosen, as well as the host institution(s), with international visibility in the area of science education. The *JRST* Editor provides the world's science educators with the organization's broad views and goals as illustrated by published manuscripts. By providing editorials, the Journal can and should assume a leadership role in science education, as well as influence policy and practice. Upon approval by the NARST Board of Directors, the new *JRST* Editor(s) will begin working with the current Editors for transition purposes during the latter part of the calendar year 2019. Full responsibilities as Editor will be from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025. The first issue for which the new Editor is fully responsible will be 58(1), January 2021, which would be due to the publisher Wiley-Blackwell 60 days in advance of the publication date.

Vision: Each applicant should indicate very clearly the vision, innovation, and creative leadership that will be provided, thereby ensuring that *JRST* continues to be a premiere journal. Individual qualifications: Each applicant must be a respected scholar in science education. Applicants should articulate how they will be committed to: (1) publishing a diversity of styles of research; (2) ensuring the review process remains international, so as to reflect multiple perspectives and diversity; and (3) being highly visible and active within NARST and other science education organizations (e.g., being a regular attendee/presenter at conferences). Each applicant should possess a strong research record of publications in high-quality journals, previous editorial experience, excellent writing and editing skills, and the ability to work with an Editorial Board and reviewers to maintain the high quality of manuscripts published in the Journal. The individual(s) selected must possess the ability to work with the staff of the publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, to assure efficient manuscript flow and publication process. The Editor must possess skills in computer technology to work within the online submission and review system, ScholarOne Manuscripts, which is maintained by Wiley-Blackwell. Regular, reliable online access is imperative to the success of the Journal. Moreover, the Editor also needs to demonstrate a good understanding of the changing scope of electronic publishing more broadly – and related issues from Publons to data sharing and repositories.

Institutional qualifications: The Editor(s) must demonstrate the abilities to: (1) Manage approximately 550-600 manuscripts each year; (2) recruit and lead a global editorial team, which may include Associate Editors, Editorial Board Members, Managing Editor, and editorial assistants or graduate students; (3) conduct extensive correspondence with authors, reviewers, and the Wiley-Blackwell publication and production staff; (4) be responsible for producing 10 issues of *JRST* per year; (5) solicit and nominate NARST members for the Editorial Board for three-year terms of service; (7) acquire institutional office space for accommodating Journal production activities; (8) provide computers to process the Journal, and (9) possess the e-infrastructure to efficiently and securely manage both the ScholarOne Manuscript electronic submission and review system, and communications with the editorial team outside the system. The Editors also will be required to submit reports twice a year in anticipation of the Fall and Spring meetings of the NARST Board. They may be required to attend both Board meetings as well. Given that NARST provides up to $40,000 in support (and additional support comes from the publisher as detailed later), applicants may want to consider seeking in-kind contributions not covered by this amount from your institution/university including, for example: (1) Course

release for Editor(s); (2) summer salary for Editor(s); (3) full or half time support for a Managing Editor (a crucial role for managing online editorial system and flow of manuscripts); and/or (4) one or more half-time graduate assistant(s).

NARST COMMITMENTS

The NARST organization will provide: (1) financial support up to $40,000 per year to cover office expenses and communication costs. Additional significant contribution comes from the publisher Wiley-Blackwell. (The total annual support for *JRST* is therefore approximately $85,000); and (2) reasonable efforts by the NARST Board to facilitate the Editor's responsibilities, as directed by the Board from time to time and consistent with previous expectations.

APPLICATIONS FOR EDITOR POSITION

Interested persons are encouraged to discuss the nature of this position informally with the current Editors. A letter of intent is due by April 30, 2019 to the Search Chair in which the rationale for seeking the position is described in detail. The complete proposal for *JRST* Editor is due by June 15, 2019. The proposal should be submitted to the Search Chair in a single Adobe document (pdf) file. Finalists will be interviewed virtually by the Search Committee between June 15 and August 15. The proposal should address, but not be limited to, the following:

1. YOUR VISION FOR *JRST*

What will you do to further enhance the Journal's reputation beyond the status it already enjoys? What is your view/vision of science education research over the next five years? How will this view/vision affect how you plan to manage the Journal? Are there aspects of the Journal that you would wish to change and what new approaches are you considering that may move the Journal forward?

2. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

What management structure do you envisage for the Journal? How will you structure the relationship between the Editor(s) and Associate Editor(s)? Will you be the sole Editor and have support from Associate Editors? What will be the specific logistics of review and editorial decisions? Can you provide the Board with details about how this will be put in place within the opportunities and constraints of Scholar-One? How will the structure and procedures that you create produce a reduction in the time required for editorial review while maintaining the quality of the journal congruent with journal rating systems? Please specify the names, institutions, departments, and specialties of your Associate Editors.

3. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Specify the financial support required of NARST. Specify the contribution (financial/physical and release time) provided by your institution. Provide evidence of this contribution by including letters from the Dean of your faculty and/or other such administrators.

4. PROFESSIONAL DETAILS

Submit abbreviated vitae (maximum of three pages each) for Editor(s) and Associate Editors. The Search Chair will distribute them to committee members with criteria upon which the committee had agreed. Each committee member sends her/his comments only to the Chair, so each person would give her/his appraisal independently. Once all evaluations are submitted, the Chair will summarize the results in a series of tables, one for each applicant, with the scores and text from each committee member for each of the seven criteria, and will make a recommendation to the NARST Board, which must approve the nominees for *JRST* Editor.

Sample criteria for scoring the candidates for *JRST* editorship can be found in NARST Handbook posted on the NARST website.