

**Editor-in-chief, *Kidney International Reports*®  
International Society of Nephrology**

**Position description**

**Introduction**

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) is seeking a dynamic and visionary editor-in-chief (EIC) for *Kidney International Reports*® (KIR). As a fully open-access journal, KIR serves as a vital venue for the global exchange of clinical discoveries, rare cases, and educational innovations that inform and inspire the nephrology community.

**The deadline for applications is July 31, 2026**

The successful candidate will lead the journal into its next chapter, beginning their term in early 2027. We are looking for an outward-looking leader with a deep understanding of the open access landscape, a commitment to global health equity, and an expansive international network.

**Scope and structure**

*KIR* is an official open-access journal of the ISN, dedicated to the rapid dissemination of high-quality clinical and translational research. As a fully open-access platform, KIR serves the global nephrology community by bridging the gap between rigorous scientific discovery and clinical application, ensuring that vital developments in kidney disease are freely and immediately available to researchers, clinical investigators, and practitioners worldwide.

Launched in 2016 to complement *Kidney International*®, KIR has rapidly evolved into a key venue for publishing impactful research, including large-scale clinical trials, observational studies, systematic reviews, and consensus statements. The journal is committed to showcasing a diverse range of voices and research from all regions of the world, reflecting the global mandate of the ISN. KIR is indexed in major databases, including PubMed Central and the Emerging Sources Citation Index, and is recognized for its commitment to rapid, transparent, and high-quality peer review.

The journal's foundational content includes original research, reviews, and clinical investigations. In addition to these core areas, KIR serves as the official home for the abstracts presented at the ISN's annual World Congress of Nephrology, which are published in annual supplemental issues. The journal also features editorials, commentaries, and meeting reports that address the most pressing issues in nephrology. The editor-in-chief is expected to lead the journal's continued innovation — leveraging digital-first strategies, maximizing content discoverability, and maintaining the journal's role as a leading open-access resource for the international kidney community. More information on current article types, submission guidelines, and editorial features is available at the [Kidney International Reports](https://www.kidneyinternationalreports.com)® website.

## Role overview

The EIC has total responsibility for the editorial content and strategic direction of the journal. In the open access ecosystem, the EIC must be adept at balancing rapid, high-quality peer review with the needs of a diverse, global author base. The EIC will champion the journal's role in the ISN portfolio, ensuring it remains an essential resource for clinicians and investigators worldwide.

## Core responsibilities

- **Editorial vision:** Develop and implement a creative strategic vision for the growth and influence of KIR, ensuring its continued relevance in the rapidly evolving landscape of open-access publishing.
- **Team leadership:** Assemble and lead a diverse, international editorial board (deputy EIC and associate editors). The EIC is expected to mentor the team and foster a collaborative culture.
- **Operational excellence:** Oversee an efficient, high-quality, and transparent peer-review process. The EIC must balance rigorous scientific standards with excellent service to authors, prioritizing timely decisions.
- **Global engagement:** Actively solicit high-quality clinical and educational content from all regions of the world, reflecting the ISN's global remit and commitment to inclusivity.
- **Innovation:** Drive digital transformation and use innovative dissemination strategies (including social media and multimedia) to ensure the journal's content reaches and impacts a modern, diverse audience.
- **Integrity and standards:** Uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity, publication ethics, and conflict-of-interest transparency, in accordance with COPE guidelines and ISN policies.
- **Strategic collaboration:** Work closely with the editors-in-chief of *Kidney International*<sup>®</sup> and other ISN journals to align strategies and optimize the journal portfolio.

## Qualifications

- Outstanding academic leader in nephrology with a strong record of clinical/research achievement.
- Demonstrated understanding of the open access publishing model, including journal economics, copyright, and author-facing services.
- Strong international network and a proven ability to engage with a global community.
- Experience in editorial leadership (e.g., serving on editorial boards or as an editor).
- Ability to build and lead effective, collaborative, and diverse teams.
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to act as a public-facing advocate for the journal.
- Commitment to the ISN's mission, values, and global inclusivity goals.

### **Term and commitment**

- **Term:** A five-year term, commencing January 1, 2027, with the possibility of renewal.
- **Time commitment:** The workload of the KIR EIC is approximately 15 – 20 hours per week. Applicants should indicate how they will accommodate that time commitment and that their employer is fully supportive.
- **Support:** The EIC is supported by an editorial office and professional staff provided by the ISN.

### **Application process**

Interested candidates should submit:

1. Full CV.
2. Vision statement: A letter (maximum 2 pages) summarizing your strategic and creative goals for KIR (2027–2031). Please include your approach to managing an open access journal, your strategy for team assembly, and your plans for increasing the journal’s global reach and impact.

Applications should be sent via email to the ISN head of publishing at [jpmcdonald@theisn.org](mailto:jpmcdonald@theisn.org)