

The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) invites nominations for the position of Editor-in-Chief (EIC), *Human Genetics and Genomics Advances (HGG Advances)*, a new online, open access journal to be published by the Society. *HGG Advances* will provide a high-quality, scientific society-led, fully open access option for the human genetics and genomics research community and is expected to publish its first issue in spring 2020. Please see the [announcement](#).

The appointment shall be for a five-year term beginning in late fall 2019, enabling the new EIC to help shape and inform final directions and priorities for the journal. These directions build on foundational work by a Scientific Publishing Planning Group of ASHG members. The editorial structure will be somewhat flexible to meet the editor's needs but is expected to rely primarily on a traditional volunteer model, with editorial participation and leadership from the Society membership.

The Society has appointed a Search Committee, chaired by Brendan Lee, MD, PhD, of Baylor College of Medicine. Other members include Bruce Gelb, MD, Mount Sinai; Bruce Korf, MD, University of Alabama, Birmingham; Heather Mefford, MD, PhD, University of Washington; Donna Martin, MD, PhD, University of Michigan; and Timothy Thornton, PhD, University of Washington. Questions about the position will be answered by the Society through the Aug. 23 deadline of intent to apply.

This announcement invites nominations and applications. ASHG encourages nominations of a diverse candidate pool, including diversity of gender; scientific research area; ancestry; degree; and country of origin, residence, and nationality.

Activity	Submit by	Information
Nominations and self-nominations	Fri, Aug. 16, 2019	Please submit a letter describing the qualities and strengths of the candidate and why the nominee would be well-qualified (see attached responsibilities and the criteria below). If nominating a colleague, please also indicate whether you have contacted the individual regarding his or her interest in the position. Please send questions, nominations, and self-nominations to Executive Director Mona Miller (via eic-search@ashg.org). All information will be held in confidence by the Search Committee.
Intent to Apply	Mon., Aug 23	Following nomination, all nominees will be invited to apply. ASHG will seek confirmation of nominees' intent to apply by this date.
Applications Due	Thurs., Sept. 12	Applicants are asked to submit by this date a written concept document with their proposed scientific direction, philosophy, and operations of <i>HGG Advances</i> .
Interviews	Sat, Oct. 19	Interviews will be held in Houston, TX, on the final day of the ASHG Annual Meeting. All interested parties are asked to hold this date, pending selection as a finalist.
Selection	Mid-Nov	Following ASHG Board review and approval

Selection Criteria and Considerations

When drafting nominations, please see related explanation of the position's main [responsibilities](#). The Search Committee will also consider the following criteria:

- Previous editorial experience
- Candidate's indication that they have the time needed to launch the journal, with publisher, staff, and consulting support
- A professional record of excellence in human genetics and genomics research, and capacity to influence and encourage content submission from a broad and diverse community

Criteria, cont'd

- Familiarity with open access publishing, peer review, and manuscript systems
- Support for the established Aims and Scope of *HGG Advances*
- Evidence of good management skills and ability to lead others collegially
- Ability and interest to engage in a novel publishing effort and innovate in scientific publishing processes and strategies to create a high-quality, field-driven, open access journal
- Expressed willingness to work collaboratively with *AJHG* and ASHG leadership on scientific publishing strategies and directions