



**Call for Nominations/Applications:  
*Journal of Applied Communication Research* Editor-Elect  
Assuming duties in 2026; overseeing 2027-2029 volumes**

During 2025, NCA's Publications Council will nominate an Editor-Elect (or co-Editors-Elect) for the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. The newly appointed Editor will begin processing manuscripts early in 2026 and will oversee the volumes for 2027-2029. The journal is published six times each year.

Editors of NCA journals occupy a particularly prominent leadership position in the field. In naming editorial boards, selecting reviewers for manuscripts, and making final publication decisions (among other duties), they make a vitally important contribution to the discipline, and they play a key role in maintaining the highest standards of integrity and scholarly inquiry.

[Position statement on the teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service value of editing an NCA journal.](#)

The *Journal of Applied Communication Research (JACR)* is a peer-reviewed publication of the National Communication Association. *JACR* publishes original scholarship that contributes to knowledge about how people practice communication across diverse applied contexts. All theoretical and methodological approaches are welcome, as are all contextual areas. Of utmost importance is that an applied communication problem or issue is clearly identified as the motivation for the research.

Because of the journal's commitment to both academic and applied audiences, *JACR* articles should clearly address both academic implications and specific applications drawn from the research. Of particular interest are studies that focus on contemporary social issues.

Heather Zoller, University of Cincinnati, is the current Editor.

**Editor Support:**

Editors receive an annual stipend of \$24,000 from NCA, and administrative and editorial support from our publisher, Taylor & Francis.

**Considered Criteria:**

In selection of journal editors, the following criteria will be considered:

1. Relevant research profile
2. Relevant editorial experience
3. Relevant project management experience
4. Innovative vision for the journal

**Requirements:**

Editors must be members of NCA at the time of their appointment and must maintain membership in the Association throughout their editorial terms. Editors should plan to attend all NCA conventions from the time they are elected until they have completed their terms.

Editors also must:

1. Agree to observe and support NCA's publication policies.
2. Commit to using the Taylor & Francis online system for manuscript submission, review, and editing.
3. Commit to adhering to the [NCA Policy on Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination](#) and the [NCA Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) and to implementing strategies aimed at increasing inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in the journal.
4. Commit to meeting editorial deadlines.

**Application Process:**

Self-nominations are welcome.

Applicants/Nominators should develop a letter that addresses the following:

1. A commitment from the nominee to serve if elected.
2. Editorial plans and projections for the journal, including the nominee's vision for content direction within the established mission of the journal.
3. Strategies that will be used to increase inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in the journal.
4. If a co-editorship is proposed, a description of how the work will be managed.

In addition, application materials should include:

- A current curriculum vita.
- A letter from the responsible administrator supporting the nomination and describing assistance to be provided by the institution.
- Names and contact information for three people who can serve as references in support of the applicant/nominee.

Letters and supporting materials must be submitted through the NCA application portal by January 31, 2025. The NCA application portal will open in early September 2024.

The NCA Publications Council reviews all nominations and makes a recommendation to the NCA Executive Committee. Following Executive Committee approval, the recommended editor must be endorsed by a vote of the Legislative Assembly.

Nominations received by January 31, 2025, will receive full consideration. Inquiries may be made to Publications Council Chair John Sloop at [john.m.sloop@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:john.m.sloop@vanderbilt.edu).