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Call for Acta Sociologica Editors, from 2023 to 2027

The Nordic Sociological Association (NSA) is looking for new Editors to edit Acta Sociologica from January 2023 when the editorship will be transferred from Iceland to Denmark. Therefore, the Danish sociological community is invited to make bids for the editorial management of this important international sociology journal.

The deadline for applications for the editorship is March 28, 2022

Acta Sociologica is a highly respected journal published by Sage which welcomes high-quality theoretical and empirical papers in all areas of sociology. The journal has an impact factor of 1.960 and a 5-year impact factor of 2.673. It has a BFI 2 categorization. It is distributed to the members of the national sociological associations in the Nordic countries and has a global distribution through extensive library subscriptions. The submission and review process is hosted on SAGE track; a web based online submission and peer review system.

The new editors will present a plan for the vision for the journal for the next four years.

According to the statutes of its owners, the Nordic Sociological Association, Acta Sociologica editorship circulates between the Nordic countries. The journal is currently edited by Professor Sigrún Ólafsdóttir & Jón Gunnar Bernburg and Managing Editor Kjartan Páll Sveinsson, University of Iceland. Each year NSA provides financial support to the host institution in order to cover the working time of editors and/or editorial assistance, and the costs for meetings with the publishers and owners. The support from NSA to the ACTA-Editorial for 2021 was 315.000 NOK (~ 220.000 DKK). Furthermore, there is a supplementary yearly budget from the NSA for the editorship's travel costs.

Evaluation criteria:

A bid for the new editorship should focus on the following key criteria, which will be used in evaluating the proposals:

- The level of sociological and professional expertise of the editors - At a minimum, the new Editors are expected to be nationally leading, and internationally well-recognized sociologists.
- The academic standard of the host institution - The host institution is expected to be an excellent research environment institution to the Editors (e.g., secretary services, in-kind contributions)
- The quality of administrative support from the host.
- The visions for developing and strengthening Acta Sociologica during the term of the editorship.

Based on previous experience, the editors should also meet the following additional requirements:

- The journal shall have at least two Editors, who are based in the same institution and who maintain good internal communication.
- The editors shall have high and complementary sociological capacities, both substantially and methodologically.
- The Editors shall have a strong and complementary standing in international research networks.
- The Editors shall fully master the English language, both in writing and in speech.



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The NSA provides significant financial support for the editorial work. The NSA support, however, does not cover all the actual costs. Therefore, the applicants are asked to provide information what kind of infrastructure and financial support the hosting institution is able to provide. This can include support to editorial assistance, office space, working-time arrangements for the editors, management infrastructure and support, as well as postal services, equipment, and maintenance.

NSA will cover costs of transferring editorial office (i.e. travel and meetings between outgoing and incoming editors). NSA covers costs for one annual meeting between the editors and the publisher (SAGE) and costs for editorial representation in NSA board meetings. The statutes for *Acta Sociologica* can be found at the following link: <http://nordicsociologicalassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Statutes-for-Acta-Sociologica.pdf>

The bidding process:

The board of the Danish Sociology Association will assess the incoming bids and the assessment will be presented to the Board of the NSA. The final decision will be made by the board of NSA. The new Editors will be informed about the decision no later than April 30, 2022. The new Editors will take charge of the journal on January 1, 2023. The current Editors will assist in the transition of editorial offices during fall 2022. The expectation is that the new editorial team will be invited to Iceland for a meeting on knowledge transfer in relation to the NSA2022 conference in Reykjavik. An application can typically be elaborated on in 2-3 pages, but there is no upper limit. In addition to the application, the applying editors need to enclose their CVs.

Below are the deadlines and important dates of the bidding procedure and the transition of editorial offices from Iceland to Denmark:

Deadlines

28/03/2022 Deadline for applications

The national board of the Danish Sociological Association will choose which candidates are nominated for the editor ship. The suggestion for new editors will be presented to the Board of the NSA, who make the final decision.

30/4/2022 New Editors will be informed about the decision.

10-12/8 2022 The current and the incoming Editors have a meeting where they start planning the transition (Meeting expected to be held in Iceland during NSA conference: <https://nsa2022.is/>)

01/01/2023 The new editors take full responsibility for the editing of *Acta Sociologica*

In the applications, the merits of the candidate editors should be explicated, and the proposed financial and institutional arrangements between NSA and the host institution should be outlined. Furthermore, the applicants should outline their vision for developing *Acta Sociologica* during their editorship. The applications should be sent to lm@samf.ku.dk by March 28, 2022, at 12.00 AM.

For further information, please contact the secretary of the association at: lm@samf.ku.dk