Springer Nature and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists announce an opportunity for an exceptional candidate to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the journal, AAPS Open.

AAPS Open, an official journal of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, is a fully open access journal which publishes research that demonstrates applications of scientific concepts and techniques across the full breadth of the pharmaceutical sciences. Examples include reports from experimental or theoretical studies during the normal course of development of a drug candidate, e.g., assay development and validation, formulation, stability, metabolism screening, bioavailability assessment and comparison, food effects studies, and manufacturing approaches.

Candidates should have a PhD, PharmD, or equivalent degree, and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of drug discovery, development and regulation. In addition, candidates should be excited about open access, demonstrate a strong research and publication record, and possess prior experience in peer-review activities related to the publication of research in drug discovery, development and regulation.

Responsibilities include managing the peer review of manuscripts under consideration by the journal, closely collaborating with the publisher and the AAPS to select Associate Editors and the Editorial Board, and commissioning submissions in areas of interest and scope. The Editor-in-Chief will work routinely with Springer Nature on journal development with the goal of furthering the journal’s impact and reach, and advancing the field of drug discovery, development and regulation.

The ideal candidate will have a robust network in the pharmaceutical research community, and be willing to put in time to build the journal’s profile and identity. This journal is in a transition period and requires some development; a dedicated and enthusiastic Editor-in-Chief will be crucial to its success, and can be a wonderful opportunity for someone with passion and drive.

A full description of the responsibilities involved is appended to this announcement. The appointment will be for a three-year term, and include an editorial stipend and free registration to AAPS annual meeting, PharmSci 360, for the duration of their contract.

Interested candidates should submit their curriculum vitae; a list of publications and editorial experience, to Senior Publisher Anna Lockhart, anna.lockhart@springer.com.

Deadline for applications: September 1, 2023
Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief are:

- Working in consultation with Associate Editors or other Editors that may be appointed, the Editor-in-Chief will exercise control of the editorial development and editorial content of journal, and oversees the application of high editorial standards to all published contributions.

- Supplying the Publisher with refereed and accepted manuscripts and other editorial material, prepared in accordance with the guidelines to authors.

- Handling the submissions through the peer-review system in a timely manner, with the support of a provided Journal Editorial Office Assistant.

- In consultation with Publisher, selecting Associate Editors and an Editorial Board that provides both international representation and diverse expertise.

- If they desire, to periodically select Guest Editors who shall be responsible for soliciting and acquiring manuscripts for thematic issues of the journal.

- To use their best efforts to promote and to assist Publisher in promoting the journal at relevant meetings and within the appropriate scientific communities.

- Checking the content of the journal with a view to ensuring that there are no material infringing editorial policies. They will also promptly inform the Publisher of any resulting issues, and be available to discuss and support resulting issues.

- Adhering to standards of editorial good practice, as defined in the Publisher’s Code of Conduct for Editors-in-Chief of its journals. The Code is based on guidelines and best practice recommendations issued by organizations such as the Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE).

- Participating in Springer Nature’s Transfer Service by offering the transfer option, where appropriate, to authors whose manuscripts have been rejected from the journal, and considering manuscripts received by through the Transfer Service.

- Making reasonable efforts to attend the annual AAPS meeting, PharmSci 360, and its associated business and editorial board meetings.