JPIM Reviewer Development Program Call for Participants

Program overview and benefits for reviewers

Reviewing for well-known peer-reviewed journals provides several benefits including developing as a scholar (e.g., improving critical thinking, increasing domain knowledge, improving research execution capabilities, improving research explication capabilities, improving knowledge about responding to reviewers of your own research, improving knowledge about the journal’s editorial stance etc.), career benefits, personal fulfillment among others (Barczak and Griffin 2020). This program is intended to help participants learn about the full peer-review process. Program participants gain from:

- attending synchronous online training workshops about how to write good reviews and how to write better manuscripts,
- reviewing manuscripts, discussing their reviews with various mentors, seeing other reviews, seeing the reports from Associate Editors, and Editor’s decision letters,
- gaining a behind-the-scenes perspective of decisions made by JPIM editorial staff,
- receiving a course completion certificate, and
- being added to the JPIM reviewer pool with a potential pathway to be into the Editorial Review Board.

Who is it for?

- An advanced doctoral student (Someone who has defended their dissertation proposal),
- A postdoctoral associate, and
- An untenured professor (Someone who is within one-three years of completing their Ph.D).

Application Process

Interested participants apply by September 1st 2023. Please send an email to the Program Manager (Professor Minu Kumar) at mkumar@sfsu.edu with a short cover letter expressing interest in the program, details of past reviewing experience, and a latest copy of your CV along with a list of your peer-reviewed publications (journals and conferences). In your cover letter please explain why you are interested in the program and what you expect to personally gain from it.

Selection criteria

Preference will be given to candidates who have experience reviewing, full papers, conference papers, extended abstracts, and have a good publication record. Candidates will be notified by mid-September if they are selected for the program.
Program Summary from 2022-2023

A total of 19 participants (Assistant Professors, Post Docs, and Ph.D. students) from all over the world went through the program.

Testimonials from participants

Victor Chernetsky, Ph.D. (Michigan State University, U.S.A.): I like the program because of a) because I get a sneak peak into the peer-review process head to toe which I was not trained for in my Ph.D. program; b) the opportunity to receive lots of feedback, tips and tricks on reviewing; and c) I get to meet top scholars in innovation management and get to know them.

Kirsten Victory, Ph.D. (Ehrenberg-Bass Institute, Australia): This program gave me a ‘look behind the curtain’. It was good to get multiple perspectives from mentors, to improve my reviewing skills. I loved the structure of the one-hour sessions so much!

Michael Rennings, Ph.D. (Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany): If there is a community tied to a top-tier Journal, sometimes it's hard to get into the community. JPIM and especially this program has served as a welcoming gateway for me to become a part of a network of Innovation scholars. Also, this is a program through which young aspiring social scientists can be engaged with expert mentors and learn a lot about developing as a scholar.