

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL CHANGE

New Editor Search

Request for Proposals

John Strauss will be stepping down on August 1, 2013 as editor of *Economic Development and Cultural Change*. The University of Chicago Press is extraordinarily grateful to Professor Strauss and his team of associate editors for their years of dedication and service to the journal. The Press is now soliciting proposals from leading scholars in development economics to assume the editorial helm of *EDCC* in 2013.

Proposals from prospective editors should be submitted by September 30, 2012 and include the following:

1. **Statement of editorial policy.** Considering the research published in *EDCC* in the past, describe the editorial scope and policies to be pursued under your editorship. This should be a reflective statement that serves to show acquaintance with the important issues confronting development economics and how *EDCC* will continue to serve the discipline. A statement of up to five pages is requested.
2. **Curriculum vitae.** Please enclose a current CV. If you are proposing to edit *EDCC* with a co-editor or several co-editors as a team, please enclose a CV for each prospective editor.

The five-year renewable term will begin August 1, 2013, with several months prior set aside for an overlap of duties with the outgoing editor to ensure a smooth transition. For more information about *EDCC* and its editorship, please consult the attached fact sheet.



Send questions and proposals to:

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Fact Sheet

History. The University of Chicago's Research Center in Economic Development and Cultural Change founded *EDCC* in 1952. It was sent free to interested researchers in the social sciences as a vehicle for discussion of pressing current problems. The new journal immediately attracted a large number of manuscripts and moved to regular quarterly publication in 1954. *EDCC* was edited by R. Richard Wohl, Bert F. Hoselitz, Manning Nash, Robert Dernberger, and D. Gale Johnson, all of the University of Chicago, and has been edited since 2003 by John Strauss at the University of Southern California.

Scope. *EDCC* is a multidisciplinary journal publishing studies that use modern theoretical and empirical approaches to examine both determinants and effects of various dimensions of economic development and cultural change. *EDCC*'s focus is on empirical papers with analytic underpinnings, concentrating on micro-level evidence, that use appropriate data to test theoretical models and to explore policy impacts related to a broad range of topics within economic development.

Circulation, Usage, and Impact. As of the July 2011 issue (the close of Volume 59), *EDCC* had 1,223 paid subscribers (1,155 libraries and 68 individuals). Free or deeply discounted access is given to nearly 10,000 additional libraries in more than 110 developing countries. *EDCC* articles were accessed online approximately 16,500 times per month in 2011, by researchers throughout the world. *EDCC*'s most recent impact factor was calculated as 1.392.

Submissions. *EDCC* typically receives 300–350 new submissions per year via the online Editorial Manager peer review system. Approximately half of these submissions are rejected without being sent through the peer review process. The acceptance rate has averaged 7% for the past few years. The queue of accepted papers is currently a little more than one year. The journal also publishes annually 15–20 book reviews solicited by the editor.

Editorial Office. The *EDCC* journal office is located in the University of Chicago Press building. The Press pays the salary and benefits of the full-time managing editor, as well as other office expenses. The new editor's institution will therefore *not* need to provide space or to pay office-related expenses, unless the new editor wishes to employ a student to assist with the mailing of review copies of books selected for review or other editorial tasks (see "Institutional Support" below).

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Editor's Responsibilities. The editor is responsible for the selection of manuscripts and book reviews for publication on the basis of solicited reviews. The editor appoints associate editors, who assist in the review of manuscript submissions by selecting reviewers and making a recommendation on suitability for publication. Peer review is managed online via Editorial Manager, allowing editors great flexibility as well as the ability to keep up on tasks while travelling. The editor should have a distinguished record as a scholar and be able to deal fairly and judiciously with contributors. The editor is expected to hold an academic appointment and to be tenured.

Term of Editorship. The editor of *EDCC* is appointed for a term of five years and may be reappointed for additional terms.

Institutional Support. Prospective editors should indicate whether their institution will provide release time from teaching and administrative responsibilities. The new editor may also wish to have a student assistant or intern help with his or her editorial duties. Otherwise, the host institution will not need to provide office space or to pay office-related expenses.

Transition Schedule. Proposals for the editorship are due by September 30, 2012, so as to allow 1–2 months for evaluation by a review committee with a final decision reached by November 30, 2012. The new editor's appointment will then be presented in December 2012 to the Press's Board of University Publications (an advisory committee consisting of twelve faculty members at the University of Chicago) for their formal approval. This schedule will give the new editor ample time during the first half of 2013 to train as necessary with the outgoing editor, who steps down on August 1, 2013.

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