



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: EDITOR, *HOMICIDE STUDIES*

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2025

START DATE: January 1, 2026

**About Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG)** (<https://hrwg1991.org/>)

HRWG is a group of practical and academic experts from criminology, public health, demography, medicine, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, and other disciplines who are interested in understanding and preventing lethal violence, both in homicides themselves and situations (e.g. domestic violence) that can result in murder.

**About the Journal** (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/HSX>)

*Homicide Studies: An Interdisciplinary & International Journal* is a journal providing a central forum for the diverse literature on homicide. The premier issue of this quarterly, peer-reviewed academic journal appeared in February 1997. Published by Sage Publications and sponsored by the HRWG, *Homicide Studies* is a high-quality, multidisciplinary publication devoted to the dissemination of information concerning research, public policy, and applied knowledge pertinent to the study of homicide. In the 2024 listing of Journal Impacting Factor scores, *Homicide Studies* was ranked in a tie for #13, placing it in the top quartile of journals under the category of Criminology & Penology.

### Call for Applications

The HRWG Publications Committee invites applications for the position of Editor of *Homicide Studies*. The incoming Editor will assume journal management responsibilities beginning January 1, 2026.

The position carries a three-year term, with the possibility of renewal, and includes an annual stipend of \$4,000 provided by SAGE Publications. The Editor may assemble a support team that can include associate editors, a managing editor, and editorial board members, as needed.

### Eligibility Criteria

Researchers from all disciplines appropriate to the study of homicide and lethal violence are welcome to apply. If not already a member, the selected candidate will be expected to become a participating member of the HRWG. Candidates should demonstrate a strong commitment to [HRWG's purpose](#) and to the advancement of scholarship in homicide research. Prior editorial experience, including, for example, experience on editorial boards, is preferred, but all applicants interested in becoming an Editor are encouraged to apply.

## Application Instructions

Applicants should submit an application that includes the following components:

1. A statement based on key responsibilities and outlining their vision for *Homicide Studies* and strategies for continued excellence and journal enhancement.
2. A description of how you plan to accomplish the demands of the Editor role within your current position. Please indicate any types of employer support you believe you will be able to obtain (e.g. course release, administrative assistance).
3. A summary of experience relevant to journal editing, peer review, or academic publishing.

All materials should be submitted electronically to:

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## Editorial Responsibilities Summary

The Editor of *Homicide Studies* oversees the complete peer review and production process in collaboration with SAGE Publications and the HRWG.

Key responsibilities include:

- Managing manuscript submissions and the peer review process using SAGETRACK.
- Ensuring all articles undergo rigorous double-blind peer review and providing timely and constructive feedback to authors.
- Defining and updating the journal's aims and scope in collaboration with SAGE.
- Soliciting high-quality manuscript submissions and commissioning special issues when appropriate.
- Appointing and working closely with an editorial board, associate editors, and reviewers.
- Talking positively about the journal at academic conferences and promoting issues through academic and professional networks, such as reminders to HRWG social media contacts, encouraging authors to promote their articles on media sites, and sharing journal information on listservs and other social media opportunities.
- Attending the Annual Meeting of the HRWG and presenting annual reports on journal operations, including manuscript statistics and special issue plans.
- Supervising the final submission of accepted manuscripts to SAGE, ensuring adherence to formatting and publishing standards.
- Upholding HRWG and SAGE publication policies, including diversity and inclusion across authorship, editorial board membership, and reviewer pools.