

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE TORTURE JOURNAL
EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD
2021-2023**

The Torture Journal invites interested candidates to apply for a position on the Editorial Advisory Board 2021-2023.

Introduction

The Torture Journal Editorial Advisory Board is comprised of a team of motivated leading experts with a keen interest in academia, advancing the research agenda for torture, and strategic development of the Journal. As an Editorial Advisory Board member, you will be directly engaging with the Editor in Chief in advising on strategic development, key areas of research, publication policies, quality of submissions, supporting authors, and raising the visibility of the journal.

Members meet periodically through Skype meetings, regularly engage via email, and also meet on an 'ad hoc' basis. You will be credited as an Editorial Advisory Board member in all publications for the Torture Journal.

The current Editorial Advisory Board's two-year tenure draws to a close at the end of the year. This position starts in January 2021 and continues through to December 2023. **The deadline for applications is the 1st of December 2020.**

To ensure global representation of all aspects covered by the Journal's mandate, applications from the Global South and from legal experts are particularly encouraged.

About the Torture Journal

Published by the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), the Torture Journal is an international scientific journal that provides an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of original research and systematic reviews by professionals concerned with the biomedical, psychological and social interface of torture and the rehabilitation of its survivors. First published in 1991, the Torture Journal publishes three issues a year.

The journal seeks to enhance the understanding and cooperation in the torture field through diverse approaches. Its focus is not only biomedicine, psychology and rehabilitation, but also epidemiology, social sciences and other disciplines related to

torture. The editors also wish to encourage dialogue among experts whose diverse cultures and experiences provide innovative and challenging knowledge to existing practice and theories. Editorial Advisory Board members are an essential part of this.

Please go to the Publications Page for the latest version of the Journal or go to our new platform - a site devoted to Torture Journal readers and contributors. The Torture Journal is indexed in MEDLINE/PUBMED and other academic databases. An overview of the Torture Journal research priorities can be found [here](#).

Purpose of the Editorial Advisory Board

The Torture Journal Editorial Advisory Board's purpose is to advise on the strategy and priorities of the Journal aligned with the IRCT Global Strategy research and knowledge sharing priorities. In furtherance of this purpose, the Board will participate and assist with editorial decision making and delivery of the Journal on a timely basis, promote it, and support the Editor in Chief in delivering the Journal to the highest standard.

Role and responsibilities

The Editorial Advisory Board supports the Editor in Chief (EIC) to advance editorial policy and to set the strategy and priorities of the Journal in conjunction with the publisher (IRCT). More specifically, the Editorial Advisory Board:

- assists the Editor in Chief and the IRCT with developing a strategic approach to the development of the Journal and its focus;
- advises on the editorial policy, guidelines, standards, and stance of the Journal;
- identifies key areas of research where the Journal can publish major new findings;
- solicits contributions to the Journal from researchers and practitioners;
- promotes the Journal and identify peer reviewers for vetting by the Editor in Chief;
- act as referees for the review process and review articles ensuring robust peer review;
- ensures research published is according to best practices of sound scholarship, research practices and evidence-informed reasoning by authors;
- ensures effective communication of research that is accessible to practitioners, policymakers and the interdisciplinary audience in the torture rehabilitation field;
- engages with the widest range of readers and contributors in the torture rehabilitation field;

- contribute to IRCT events such as scientific and thematic conferences, strategy setting processes and other major organisational initiatives as requested;
- attend Editorial Advisory Board meetings;
- mentor young academics.

Skills/experience

The Torture Journal is seeking motivated candidates, with diverse backgrounds, and with strong interests and experience in academia, and promoting knowledge. Relevant academic fields not only include medicine, psychology and rehabilitation, but also epidemiology, a range of social sciences and other disciplines related to holistic rehabilitation, torture and research methods. The Editorial Board, as a whole, should be conversant with issues such as:

- International/Global health issues
- Diagnostic and therapeutic methods and techniques in the field of rehabilitation of torture victims
- Mental health care approaches in relation to torture survivors
- Research methods (quantitative, qualitative, mixed, participative)
- Documentation of evidence of torture according to international standards
- Biomedical research and publishing ethics and guidelines, such as WMA Declaration of Helsinki, the CONSORT statement etc.
- Open Access publishing and journal publication management and financing
- Editorial independence, conflicts of interest and confidentiality in a research and/or publishing setting
- Strategic planning.

Application process

In order to apply, please send your CV and motivational letter to Knowledge Development Associate, Chris Dominey (cdo@irct.org), including your own views on how the Torture Journal could be further improved and the way Editorial Advisory Board could contribute to that.

Please be aware that Editorial Advisory Board positions are unpaid.

Deadline for applications: 1st December 2020

For any questions, please contact Pau Pérez-Sales, Editor in Chief (pauperez@runbox.com) or Chris Dominey, Knowledge Development Associate (cdo@irct.org).