

## Call for Applications to the Methodological Transparency Editor for JREE

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2021**

The *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness's* (JREE) first issue in 2019 included a note from the editors about our [Transparency and Reporting Standards](#). As we continue to emphasize the importance of research transparency, the Journal is looking to add another editor, the Methodological Transparency Editor. This editor will have two primary roles: overseeing and promoting open science initiatives and supporting the co-editors on methodological review of empirical papers. The rough form of these duties, and the needs they are serving, are described below with the recognition that part of the role of this new position is to refine and identify how, precisely, we can collectively carry this important work forward. The position is a commitment through December 31, 2022.

**Open Science:** JREE is moving towards ensuring, to the maximum extent possible given the privacy concerns prevalent in education contexts, that results are open and transparent to the field. JREE has standards around transparency and reporting, including encouraging authors to declare available data, code, and/or pre-analysis plans for their work. As a next step we aim to review submitted materials to ensure they are not only posted, but that pre-analysis plans are adhered to (or there is acknowledgement / explanation of why they are not adhered to) and posted materials are complete and accessible. This new role will include coordinating and conducting the review of open science materials.

**Methodological Support and Transparency:** At the request of co-editors, the Methodological Transparency Editor will conduct targeted reviews of research methodology for empirical papers. This will primarily occur when a co-editor is concerned that peer-reviewers may not have the methodological expertise to unpack a paper's method's section or has unease regarding the robustness of the work (especially for quasi-experimental studies). This editor may also help generate best practices and expectations for authors to adhere to, such as minimum standards for specifying fit statistical models or potentially making the source code (if not data) available for readership review. This role is distinct from our Methodology editor, who reviews studies about research methodology.

This new editor role will join the other editors in JREE's larger scale strategic decision-making.

### **Applying:**

- **CV.** Please include a CV that is no longer than five pages.
- **Statement of interest.** Please explain why this role is of interest and why you're a good fit. The format is open. We recommend a statement of approximately one page.
- **How to submit:** Please send materials to Michael Weiss ([Michael.weiss@mdrc.org](mailto:Michael.weiss@mdrc.org)). If you do not receive acknowledgement of receipt, please reach out to Ellen Weiss ([ellen@sree.org](mailto:ellen@sree.org))
- **Comments/Questions:** Please send comments or questions to Michael Weiss ([Michael.weiss@mdrc.org](mailto:Michael.weiss@mdrc.org)).

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