

Now Accepting Applications for Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*

***Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems* (JAMES) publishes original research on advancing the development and application of models at all scales in understanding the physical Earth system and its coupling to biological, geological and chemical systems. AGU is seeking a well-organized scientist with high editorial standards and strong leadership skills to propel the journal's growth.**

The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) is the principal architect of the scientific content of the journal, while ensuring consistency with overall strategic direction for the AGU journals program as developed by the AGU Board, Council and Publications Committee. The EIC is an active scientist, well-known and well-regarded in their discipline. The EIC must be active in soliciting the best science from the best scientists to be published in the journal. Among other functions, the EIC:

- Sets and implements the journal strategy for publishing high quality science
- Establishes and manages the editorial board, ensuring a balanced review workload and fostering a sense of community
- Maintains high peer-review standards and integrity and makes decisions on ethical issues in collaboration with the AGU Publication Ethics team
- Serves as an ambassador to the author, editor, reviewer and scientific communities and is the public voice of the journal
- Commits and contributes to AGU's efforts to promoting [diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility \(DEIA\) in scholarly publishing](#)

JAMES receives approximately 580 submissions per year. Candidates can expect to spend around 3-7 hours per week managing submissions, plus other duties as needed. Flexible editorial board structures that support balanced workloads may be explored with AGU staff upon appointment. EICs are appointed for a 4-year term which can be renewed as a 2-year extension.

The position begins 1 January 2027.

JAMES currently operates under a single EIC editorial board structure, supported by 3 Editors and 48 Associate Editors. AGU employs a variety of journal editorial board structures to help Editors-in-Chief manage their workloads. While not all models will be appropriate for every journal, examples include:

- *JGR: Planets* (500 submissions per year) operates under an Editor-in-Chief/Co-Editor-in-Chief structure, supported by two additional editors and 26 Associate Editors.
- *Geophysical Research Letters* (5,500 submissions per year) operates under a single Editor-in-Chief structure, supported by 8 Deputy Editors who oversee submissions within specific subject areas, 40 regular Editors, and 42 Associate Editors.

The EIC position includes a quarterly honorarium, a travel stipend and waived registration to the AGU Annual Meeting. The EIC is expected to adhere to the

Ethical Obligations of Editors and Code of Conduct outlined in AGU's [Scientific Integrity and Professional Ethics Policy](#). Information about [JAMES aims and scope](#) and additional information about editorship for AGU's journals can be found on the [AGU Publications website](#).

AGU strongly encourages candidates from outside the US to apply. **If you would like to be considered for the EIC position, complete the [application form](#) which must include your curriculum vitae and a letter of interest.**

If you would like to nominate a highly qualified colleague, send a letter of recommendation to pubmatters@agu.org. Please make sure that you specify JAMES in the subject line of the email.

Deadline for applications is 14 June 2026.



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