



# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

## Editor of the

### *North American Actuarial Journal*



The Society of Actuaries invites applications and nominations for the position of editor of the *North American Actuarial Journal* (NAAJ). More information about the NAAJ can be found at <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uaaj20/current>.

## Position Description

The editor has overall responsibility for assuring the timely and efficient publication of the *North American Actuarial Journal*. The Society of Actuaries (SOA) will provide an honorarium to the editor. The chosen applicant will serve as editor-elect before their term begins on January 1, 2023, and the term is three years, with the possibility to continue for a second, three-year term.

## NAAJ Information

The NAAJ scientifically addresses the domestic and international problems, interests, and concerns of actuaries, their customers, and public policy decision makers. The NAAJ publishes papers from traditional fields of actuarial practice, such as life and health insurance, pensions, employee benefits, property and casualty insurance, and finance and investments. Papers from new or developing areas of actuarial practice are especially welcome. We seek to stimulate research on emerging public policy debates, technology improvements, demographic trends, multidisciplinary topics, globalization issues, and the like.

### EDITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The editor will perform the normal duties associated with academic journal editorship such as the following:

- With the guidance of the NAAJ Editorial Board, SOA staff partners and the publishing partner, Taylor & Francis, determine editorial policies and procedures.
- Promote the NAAJ as a forum for actuarial practice and research through dedicated special issues on current topics, case studies, and so on, as well as solicit manuscripts on topics of emerging importance.
- Recruit, appoint and motivate co-editors, associate editors and reviewers.
- Supervise the review of manuscripts submitted for publication in the NAAJ and attend monthly video conferences with the Editorial Board to discuss papers under submission.
- Work closely with the SOA and the publisher to assure the timely and efficient publication of each issue, including attending monthly video conferences with SOA staff.
- Seek ways to expand the NAAJ's circulation, reach and impact by increasing citations in an effort to achieve inclusion in Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports.
- Support a manuscript review/tracking process that promotes conscientious and expeditious article evaluation, resulting in a timely response to authors.
- Work with co-editors and SOA staff to award the Annual Prize for the best paper published in the NAAJ.
- Prior to serving as editor, the chosen applicant will serve as a co-editor and shadow the current editor.

### DESIRED EDITOR QUALIFICATION

- A strong publication record in leading journals in actuarial science or related fields, including the NAAJ, and the academic reputation to recruit and retain esteemed co-editors and associate editors.
- A commitment to promoting significant scholarly research and to maintaining and improving upon the NAAJ's editorial standards.
- A reputation for fairness, objectivity and integrity.
- Managerial and administrative skills necessary to assure the timely publication of the NAAJ, including the ability to motivate co-editors, associate editors and reviewers.
- Evidence of a long-term commitment to actuarial science such as through research on topics of actuarial interest or membership in a recognized body within the International Actuarial Association; SOA membership is not required.
- Someone who is both a creative and innovative thinker, able to expand the reach and impact of the NAAJ.
- Significant editorial experience either as an editor or an associate editor of a major journal (preferred but not required).

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by March 31, 2022, to Professor Edward W. (Jed) Frees at [jfrees@bus.wisc.edu](mailto:jfrees@bus.wisc.edu). The letter of interest should offer reasons why the applicant wishes to be editor of this journal and explain how the applicant will integrate their editorial responsibilities with their professional life. More information on the NAAJ is available at [http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/uaaj20](https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/uaaj20).