

# Career opportunities in the social sciences at **nature** research

Dear colleague,

I am pleased to tell you that, as part of the *Nature* journals' commitment to publishing research in social sciences, we are now looking to recruit a social science editor for our new title, *Nature Sustainability*, which launches in 2018.

The *Nature* family has a strong tradition and reputation in the natural sciences. But we believe that, to address the greatest challenges of our time, a deep understanding of the structures and dynamics of human societies is vital to build a full scientific picture, and to work towards solutions.

We made social science an essential aspect of our journal *Nature Climate Change*, and its relevant staff — drawn from research backgrounds in social science — has published a strong body of papers in psychology, economics, sociology, political science and anthropology. In the same spirit, of encompassing natural and social science, we launched *Nature Energy* in 2016, to be followed by *Nature Human Behaviour* in 2017. Both journals have attracted talented social science researchers to their editorial teams.

The *Nature* journals run on the principle that its full-time editorial staff has the final say in what we publish. Our professional editors are suitably qualified scientists with an exceptional breadth of intellectual interests, and have plenty of opportunities for creativity and fulfilment. More details of the editorial position with *Nature Sustainability* are included below.

I hope that you might consider building a career with us at Nature Research. Please do pass this message on to any of your colleagues who might also be interested.

Many thanks for your time.

Yours sincerely



Dr. Monica Contestabile  
Chief Editor  
Nature Sustainability

## Associate or Senior Editor, *Nature Sustainability*: London or New York

*Nature Sustainability*, a new multidisciplinary journal from Nature Research, will publish the most significant research across a wide spectrum of natural, social and engineering science: research into how we organize our lives in a finite world, into the multiple impacts our actions have, and into the solutions that will ensure well-being now and in the future.

We wish to recruit an editor for the journal to cover the socio economic and international development dimensions of sustainability research — we are looking for research expertise in international development, or international relations, or sociology, or human geography, or related disciplines, preferably with training in quantitative methods.

This is an exciting opportunity to join the team that will help shape and launch a new academic journal, to present a fully cross-disciplinary picture of sustainability research. Applicants should have a PhD in the relevant discipline, and preferably postdoctoral experience, with a strong research record.

The successful candidates will work closely with the Chief Editor, Monica Contestabile, and with three editors from across the natural and engineering sciences. Together, the *Nature Sustainability* team will work on all aspects of the editorial process, including manuscript selection and peer review, the commissioning and editing of Reviews and News & Views articles, and also writing for the journal.

These are demanding and intellectually stimulating positions. Broad scientific knowledge and training, excellent literary skills, the ability to absorb new areas of research, and a keen interest in the practice and communication of science are all required. Applicants should be dynamic, outgoing and have excellent interpersonal skills.

A key aspect of the job is liaising with the scientific community through laboratory visits and international conferences — willingness to travel is essential.

The positions will be based in our London office, although there is also a possibility of joining our New York office — please state your preferred location in your application.

To apply, please send a CV, and a brief cover letter explaining your interest in the post and indicating salary expectation; also send:

- a selection of 6–8 articles recently published, which you feel capture the various aspects of sustainability research (provide the full reference and a link to the article, and give a brief rationale for your choice).
- a Research Highlight style piece (200 words or fewer) on a recent paper from the scientific literature.

Closing date: 12 December 2016.