

Call for Applications: Editor-in-Chief

The Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies (JCEBS)

The *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies (JCEBS)*, the flagship publication of the Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe) and published by Taylor and Francis, is seeking applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief. Based in the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD) at the University of Oxford, JCEBS has gained a strong reputation in the field of development studies, demonstrated by its recent CiteScore of 5.6 and Impact Factor of 2.4, ranking it among the top journals in development studies and related disciplines.

As a pioneering journal focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), JCEBS is committed to fostering multidisciplinary research that advances academic understanding and contributes practical, impactful solutions to today's critical global challenges. We publish original research that addresses key aspects of sustainable development, emphasizing the 17 SDGs. Our multidisciplinary scope includes economics, finance, and business, with a particular focus on research that enhances our understanding of global challenges, such as climate change, the integration of big data and financial technology into economic systems, and the promotion of equality and diversity. We especially value research that offers insights into financial development dynamics, economic growth, and the role of inclusive institutions in promoting sustainable and equitable development.

The Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe) is seeking an established academic with an international reputation for research excellence, substantial experience in editing high-quality academic journals, and a strong background in development studies. The appointment as Editor-in-Chief will commence on 1 July 2025 and run for a four-year term, ending on 30 June 2028. The office term is four years, with the possibility to renew for one more term.

Application Requirements: Candidates should demonstrate:

- A distinguished record in research and publication (ABS-4).
- Editorial experience with internationally excellent journals (ABS-3).
- Expertise in areas aligned with development studies and sustainable development.

Applications are encouraged from individuals who can uphold and further JCEBS's commitment to academic rigor, multidisciplinary collaboration, and impactful research.

Application and Selection Process

The Editor-in-Chief will be appointed by the Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe) (CEA) Appointment Panel, which includes the President, the current Editor-in-Chief, and representatives from the Advisory Board, the Publisher, and the CEA board. All applications will be handled confidentially. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of gender, ethnicity, or background.

Application Requirements: Applicants should submit a CV and a cover letter that outlines how they meet the position's requirements. Additionally, candidates are asked to respond to the following questions:

1. **Vision for JCEBS:** What is your vision for the *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*? How would you apply your experience and expertise to achieve this vision? How would you enhance the visibility and impact of JCEBS within the global academic community and beyond? Can you describe any innovative approaches or new initiatives you would introduce to improve the journal's quality, reach, or reader engagement?
2. **Challenges and Opportunities in Development Studies:** What do you consider the key challenges and opportunities in development studies? Which research areas would you like to prioritize and why?
3. **Commitment to Community and Inclusion:** How would you engage with and serve the academic community of the Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe), and how would you uphold the principles of inclusion, equality, and diversity in your role as Editor-in-Chief?
4. **Editorial Strategy and Ethics:** How would you manage ethical challenges in academic publishing, such as handling conflicts of interest, addressing cases of academic misconduct, or ensuring the integrity of peer review? What strategies would you implement to improve transparency, fairness, and rigor in the peer-review process? How would you lead and motivate the editorial team to maintain high standards and ensure timely processing of manuscripts? What strategies would you employ to recruit, train, and retain high-quality reviewers?
5. **Adaptability to Emerging Trends in Academic Publishing:** What emerging trends in academic publishing (e.g., open access, digital innovations, data sharing) do you believe are most relevant for JCEBS, and how would you incorporate them? How would you leverage social media platforms to enhance the visibility and engagement of *JCEBS* within the academic community and beyond?

Please also indicate if your application for the Editor-in-Chief position is not successful, would you be open to considering an appointment as a Co-Editor or Associate Editor?

Application Submission: Please submit your application to the President of CEA (UK/Europe), Prof. Zhifu Mi, University College London, at z.mi@ucl.ac.uk by **1 March 2025**. Online interviews will be conducted in late March.

For informal discussions or inquiries about the position, please contact the current Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Wenxuan Hou, at wenxuan.hou@ed.ac.uk.

Qualifications

Candidates are expected to possess the following:

- A distinguished record of conducting and publishing world-leading research (ABS-4 level or equivalent).
- Substantial experience in academic publishing, demonstrated through roles as an editor, associate editor, or guest editor of high-caliber international journals (ABS-3 level or above).
- In-depth knowledge of development studies, with interdisciplinary expertise in economics, finance, and business, particularly in the context of developing economies and emerging markets.
- A strong understanding of and commitment to the core values and governance of the Chinese Economic Association (UK/Europe), with a collaborative approach to working

within the publishing community, including engagement with Consulting Editors, the Advisory Board, Associate Editors, the Editorial Board, reviewers, and authors.

- Exceptional communication skills, including experience in social media engagement to promote and enhance the journal's visibility.