



Call for Expressions of Interest

Editor of the Australian Journal of Adult Learning

The *Australian Journal of Adult Learning* (AJAL) has been published on behalf of Adult Learning Australia for over 64 years and is widely recognised as the leading journal on adult education in Australia. It is also highly regarded internationally within the discipline of adult education, having received article submissions from prominent scholars in adult and community education from the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, South Africa, and the Asia-Pacific region. Additionally, the journal has an esteemed editorial board of both Australian and international academics, representing the fields of adult, vocational, and community education.

AJAL is currently published three times a year, promoting critical thinking and research in the areas of adult learning, as well as the theory, research, and practice of adult and community education. Each issue includes double-blind peer-reviewed articles, alongside practitioner contributions and book reviews.

We are seeking a new editor for a 3-5 year term, starting in 2025, due to the retirement of our current editor, Associate Professor Trace Ollis.

The role of editor includes:

- Calling for papers, and managing the 'double, blind peer review' process using an editorial board and invited peer reviewers
- Writing an editorial and final proofreading prior to printing
- Seeking out contributions where necessary to ensure a strong balance and high quality of articles
- Managing an editorial board made up of Australian and Internationally recognised experts in the field of adult learning and adult and community education
- Supporting a guest editor(s) to edit a special edition issue once a year on a specialist theme related to Adult Learning and Community Education.
- Maintain and further extend Journal impact factors across a range of research measures such as Scopus and ERA.

The editor works with two sub-editors and an Editorial Board. The new editor may revise and refresh the current Editorial Board.

The editor also works with reviewers and is supported by ALA staff and ALA infrastructure.

This is largely a voluntary position, but all related out-of-pocket expenses will be covered. A modest payment may also be negotiated for specific contributions or tasks.



Project management, journal layout, printing, distribution and sales of the journal are managed by ALA staff

We are looking for someone willing to make an initial commitment of between 3–5 years.

Selection criteria

1. A history of publication and research in the adult learning and / or adult and community education fields.
2. Proven ability to manage a publishing process.
3. Understanding and networks in the adult and community educator sector in Australia and internationally

Expressions of interest of no more than 750 words, addressing the criteria above, should be sent to Jenny Macaffer, CEO of Adult Learning Australia info@ala.asn.au with AJAL Editor in the subject line by 20 December 2024 for consideration by the ALA Board.