Job Title: Associate Editor - Social Sciences  
Location: London  
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Salary Range: Salary dependent on skills and experience

Nature Publishing Group  
Associate Editor, Social Sciences – Nature Plants

Are you a social scientist or economist who is excited by the ways in which society shapes and is shaped by science and technology? Do you love research but feel that your current role isn’t enough to satisfy your desire to learn more about the natural world? Do you feel frustrated by the status of social and economic research in the scientific and general media?

If the answer is ‘yes’ to any or all of these questions, you could be the person we’re looking for to join the editorial team of Nature Plants, a journal covering all aspects of plant science from Nature Publishing Group, the publisher of Nature. The successful candidate will have particular responsibility for social science and economic research within Nature Plants, and will also help to shape the social science publishing agenda for a further Nature research journal.

Plant Sciences are an exciting area for NPG as they span the basic side of research (molecular, ecological and agricultural aspects) through to the more applied side including climate change related issues, global food manufacture and new forms of fuel. Nature Plants continues on the interdisciplinary path set by Nature Climate Change (launched in 2010) publishing research crossing both natural and social sciences and, at all times, striving to forge and synthesize interdisciplinary research.

Applicants for the Associate Editor position will have a Ph.D. or equivalent qualification in a related discipline with demonstrable research achievements. Though postdoctoral experience is preferred (not required) emphasis will be place on broadly trained applicants with knowledge of the wider research community.

This is a demanding and extremely stimulating role, which calls for a keen interest in the practice and communication of social science. The successful candidate will be dynamic, motivated and outgoing with excellent presentation and interpersonal skills. Key elements of the position include the selection of manuscripts for publication, and commissioning, editing and writing other content for the journal.

Applicants for the Associate Editor position should send a CV (including their class of degree and a brief account of their research and other relevant experience), a News & View style piece (500 words or less) on a recent paper from related literature, and a brief cover letter detailing their salary expectations.

All applicants must be able to demonstrate the right to live and work in the UK in order to be considered for the position.

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