



Call for Applications: *Sociological Inquiry* Editorship

The Council of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the International Sociology Honor Society, invites applications for the position of Editor or Co-editors of *Sociological Inquiry*.

Sociological Inquiry is the official journal of Alpha Kappa Delta and currently published by Wiley. *Sociological Inquiry* is committed to the exploration of the human condition in all of its social and cultural complexity. The journal publishes papers that challenge us to look anew at traditional areas or identify novel areas for us to investigate. Both theoretical and empirical work is welcome, as are the varied research methods in the study of social and cultural life.

Over the past several years, *Sociological Inquiry* has grown in readership and prestige. Notably, the journal's 2-year impact factor for 2023 reached 2.2 and the journal ranking rose to 61/217. The number of citations for the journal has steadily increased over the past few years, as well as the download trend and readership. *Sociological Inquiry* continues to increase its diversity in global submissions and downloads. The current Editors have been releasing special issues the past few years that focus on "hot topics" in sociology including guns and society, intersections of race and culture, and climate change and environmental sociology. These special issues have attracted excellent research and led to more use of the journal.

The current Editors' term expires December 31, 2025, and the new Editor(s) term would formally begin on January 1, 2026. To facilitate a smooth transition, the new Editor(s) would work with the current Editors beginning August 2025. Editors are appointed for a four year term with a possible extension of up to a total of three years upon mutual agreement of the Editor(s) and the AKD Council.

Eligibility: Editors must be (or become) AKD members and maintain active membership throughout their entire appointment. Editors must hold a PhD in sociology and hold a tenured position or equivalent at an academic or non-academic setting. AKD encourages applications for both sole editorships and co-editorships. In accordance with AKD's goal of publishing high quality scholarship, the following criteria are considered in selecting Editors:

- An established record of scholarship;
- Evidence of understanding the journal's mission;
- Reviewing and editorial board experience, and other professional activities;
- Assessment of the present state of the journal, its strengths and challenges, and a vision of the journal's future;
- Openness to different social and sociological methods, theories, and approaches
- A record of responsible service to scholarly publishing and evidence of organizational skill and intellectual leadership;
- Evidence of commitment to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Responsibilities: The Editor(s) will provide leadership by publishing work consistent with the journal's mission. While the journal's output is heavily shaped by the submissions, the editor(s) will play a key

role in communicating with authors, promoting the journal, ensuring timely quarterly publication, and bringing a commitment to that journal that will build the reputation and ensure its success. Other duties include, but not limited to:

- Provide complete records and otherwise fully cooperate with independent certified public accountants employed for an annual audit of the Society;
- Provide ways and means through *Sociological Inquiry* to pursue the purposes of this Society, including encouragement of undergraduate research in sociology;
- Provide for inclusion in *Sociological Inquiry* for every style and type of scholarly and scientific investigation consistent with the high standards appropriate to the official journal of this academic honor society;
- Provide the AKD Council with a written annual summary report of activity during the preceding year and proposals for the ensuing year.

The Editor(s) serve on and work closely with AKD's Publications Committee and a Media Editor to help facilitate the growth, development, and vision of the journal. Typically, the Editor(s) employ a graduate student from their department to serve as the Managing Editor. If applicable, the Editor(s) may hire an editorial assistant.

Financial Support: AKD provides the Editor(s) with an annual stipend of \$8,000 (to be split in the case of Co-editors), an operating budget, and travel support. Additionally, AKD provides funds for travel reimbursement to attend the annual AKD Council meeting held in conjunction with the American Sociological Association's conference each year. A one-time sign-on bonus of \$1,500 is also being offered (to be split in the case of Co-Editors).

It is important for candidates to consider the feasibility of serving as editor(s), considering the available resources from both AKD and their institution(s). To this end, candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss resource allocation with their institution(s) in advance of submitting an application.

Submitting an application: Applications should include the following information in no more than six pages (excluding curriculum vitae):

- **Editor/Co-Editor Information:** Provide your name, institution, and other important information about yourself and, if applicable, co-editors. Describe the qualifications of the potential editor(s) and include their vitae.
- **Vision Statement:** Set forth your goals and plans for the content of the journal. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, challenges, or gaps that you plan to address and how you will implement your plan.
- **Institutional support:** Letters of support from deans or other institutional officials are encouraged as part of your application, but are not required.

Deadline: Submit all materials in a single email to Bethany Titus, Executive Director at: akd@alphakappadelta.org no later than **January 15, 2025**.

Selection Process: Applicants may be invited to a virtual interview with the search committee sometime in February 2025. The final decision will be made by April 2025. Questions may be directed to the Executive Office at akd@alphakappadelta.org.

AKD welcomes applications from all qualified individuals without regard to various cultures, ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socioeconomic statuses, religions, physical or mental abilities, and political affiliations, as well as first generation students and faculty members. This also includes people from all employment statuses and types of employment.