MIDWESTERN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

Call for Editor of the *Journal of Crime and Justice*

The Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) invites applications for the position of Editor of the *Journal of Crime and Justice* (JC&J) – the official publication of the Association. Published five (5) times per year, JC&J is a peer-reviewed publication that features original research addressing current and emerging issues of criminal justice and criminology. The journal welcomes diverse approaches and seeks research that make a clear contribution to the field and has relevance for the broader criminology and criminal justice community, including implications for policy and practice.

The Editor shall be responsible for the preparation, publication, and distribution of JC&J. The Editor will serve a term of four (4) years, with the possibility of renewal for up to three (3) consecutive terms. It is anticipated that an applicant will be selected by March 31, 2027. The incoming Editor will then work with the current Editor (Jennifer Peck, University of Central Florida) to develop a transition plan, with the transition beginning in August 2027. During the transition, the incoming Editor will serve as Co-Editor with the current Editor and begin training the Managing Editor. The current Editor will retain responsibility for all manuscripts received during their editorship and will make final editorial decisions on those manuscripts through the completion of the editorial process (expected through the end of 2027). The incoming Editor will officially assume the position on September 30, 2027.

Applicants eligible for this position will have the following qualifications:

1. An earned PhD in criminal justice or a closely related field;
2. A demonstrated record of scholarly activity and contributions to the field of criminal justice/criminology;
3. A sustained record of scholarly publication in peer-reviewed outlets;
4. Support from the applicant's host institution(s) confirming institutional resources and services that will be provided to support the editorship, including the provision of a Managing Editor;
5. A Regular Member in good standing of the Association who will maintain Regular Member status throughout their term as Editor.

Applications must include:

1. A cover letter of application outlining the applicant's interest in the position and summarizing their relevant qualifications and experience.
2. A separate, detailed statement addressing the applicant's qualifications for the position, including:
    a. Academic credentials and scholarly experience;
    b. Demonstrated record of scholarly activity and contributions to the field of criminal justice/criminology;
    c. Sustained record of peer-reviewed publications;
    d. Prior journal editorial experience;
    e. Prior experience with MCJA; and
    f. Vision, goals, and priorities for the journal during editorship
3. A letter of support from the host institution(s) that will describe supportive services that the institution(s) will commit to the editorship and provision of a Managing Editor;
4. Curriculum Vitae

The Executive Board may request additional materials from applicants as needed during the selection process.

Applications (combined into one PDF file) must be emailed to mcja@mcja.org with the subject line "Application for JC&J Editor" by 11:59 PM (CST) on **February 20, 2027.**

Questions may be directed to the MCJA Executive Board at mcja@mcja.org.

Compensation:

- $5,000 honorarium (disbursed at the MCJA Conference annually following the first year of Editorship)
- $2,000 travel expense reimbursement (required annual approval from Executive Board)