

Call for Editor-in-Chief
Journal of Information Technology and Politics

This message announces a search for the Editor-in Chief of the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics (JITP)*, for a 5-year term. *JITP* is the official journal of the Organized Section on Information Technology & Politics in the American Political Science Association, and is published by the Taylor & Francis Group.

The new Editor-in-Chief will serve a renewable five-year term, beginning with the production of Volume 10 of the journal. Currently, *JITP* receives approximately 100 manuscript submissions per year. Candidates for the Editorship are expected to receive some support from their home institution for the editorial process. This ideally would include a partial release from teaching responsibilities plus graduate research assistant and administrative staff support. Additional support, in the form of a yearly stipend, is provided by the publisher.

The members of the Search Committee are:

- Stuart Shulman
- Mack C. Shelley
- Christine B. Williams

The Search Committee seeks nominations and applications for the Editorship. Both individual and team candidacies are equally eligible for consideration. Among other duties, the Editor or Editors will be expected to:

- Sustain and build *JITP*'s current high stature as one of the preeminent publication outlets for scholarship within the important subfield of information technology and politics.
- Ensure that *JITP* be open to submissions from all areas within the subfield and to innovative work that may span traditional disciplinary boundaries.
- Be discerning, fair, and equitable in all aspects of the review process.
- Handle publication decisions in a manner that is reasonable, timely, and open but preserving confidentiality.
- Work with available resources to maintain journal operations and the editorial office.

Nominations and applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *JITP* should be sent to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Stuart Shulman (stu@polsci.umass.edu). A complete application for the *JITP* Editorship should consist of the following elements:

1. **Application Letter:** The candidate or team should provide a letter indicating willingness to be considered for the position of *JITP* and their willingness to serve as Editor if selected. This application letter should discuss professional and scholarly experiences that make each candidate uniquely suited and well-qualified for the position. It would be helpful to highlight and explain [prior experience in an editorial capacity](#).
2. **Vita:** A complete CV should be provided by each candidate, including separate CVs for all members of any proposed editorial team.
3. **Support Plan:** Candidates should outline their plan to support *JITP* while it is housed at their institution(s). This outline should include a listing of the resources that will cover

the various aspects of managing the *Journal*. It also should explain who will provide these resources.

4. **Management Plan:** The application should include a formal statement from the candidate or team, laying out plans for managing *JITP*. Candidates should feel free to discuss any issues they believe to be relevant to the intellectual content and/or management of the *Journal*.

An effective management plan may address questions such as the following:

- In what directions do you wish to take the *Journal*? For example, are there new or additional areas of interest within the subfield of information technology and politics you would like to develop, perhaps through new features? Are there new or additional editorial policies or a different specification of editorial positions, functions or roles you would like to propose?
- If you are proposing an Editorial team, what would be the division of labor and decision-making among the individuals comprising the team? How will you manage reviewers and the review process to ensure quality and timeliness?
- How do you foresee interacting with the journal's internal and external constituencies, which currently include Associate Editors, Editorial Assistants, members of the Senior Editorial Board and the Full Editorial Board, the Organized Section on Information Technology & Politics in the American Political Science Association, and the publisher?
- At the end of your tenure as Editor-in-Chief, what contributions would you like to have made?

Final proposals must be submitted to the Search Committee by May 15, 2011. If there is more than one viable candidate, an online election will be conducted among the members of the editorial boards. We intend to select the new Editor-in-Chief by June 1, 2011.