

The Mathematical Association of America (MAA) is currently seeking applications for suitable candidates to take over the role of Editor of MAA FOCUS when the term of the current incumbent expires in December 2026.

Published six times a year, MAA FOCUS is the membership magazine of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), one of the world's largest communities of mathematicians, students, and enthusiasts. United by a collective interest in, and love for mathematics, the MAA seeks to advance the understanding of mathematics and its impact on society and the way in which it has the power to shape lives. The MAA has over 20,000 members who enjoy access to a wide range of programs and professional development resources and participate in regional sections and special interest groups (SIGMAA)s. MAA FOCUS is distributed in print to all MAA members and is available to the larger community in digital format.

Working in cooperation with the managing editor, the MAA FOCUS editor will create timely issues of the highest quality that communicate the work of the MAA in advancing the understanding of mathematics and its impact on our world. It is published six times a year in February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September, October-November, and December-January.

MAA FOCUS includes a variety of articles, many of which address the MAA's core values of inclusivity, community, teaching and learning, and communication. As the newsmagazine of the MAA, FOCUS's primary goals are to support and promote the MAA's vision and mission. MAA FOCUS also presents news of the mathematical world, including ways in which mathematicians are having a broad impact. Being able to recruit interesting and appropriate articles from a wide variety of interest groups is necessary.

The ideal candidate will have experience of working in an editorial capacity with non-profit scholarly societies or educational establishments and will have exceptional organizational, time-management, communication, and interpersonal skills. A university educational background in mathematics, engineering, the physical sciences, or related fields would be advantageous. Experience with magazine or journal publication process would also be a plus.

The editor of MAA FOCUS works closely with MAA leadership, including the president and executive director, to shape the content of each issue. The creativity and vision required to lead MAA FOCUS together with the broad engagement with authors and readers from across the mathematical community makes this a uniquely rewarding professional opportunity. The MAA FOCUS editor will be expected to work for approximately 10 hours per week. Financial compensation in the form of support for course release time or stipend, and travel reimbursements, is provided.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a statement of experience and interest that includes ideas for the magazine. The incoming editor will work with the MAA Senior Director of Publications to update and refresh MAA FOCUS, including a redesign of the magazine.

Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2025, with appointment as editor-elect to commence on June 1, 2026. The five-year editorial term runs January 2026 to December 31, 2030.

Applications and inquiries should be sent to hr@maa.org.