

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

Call for Editorial Board Leadership – FAQ

Why is the Fifth Assessment establishing an Editorial Board?

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment (Fifth Assessment) is establishing an Editorial Board to support the expert review process for Fifth Assessment research products, provide feedback to authors on language and formatting, and advise the framework of a Statewide Summary Report. The Editorial Board will oversee the editing of most Fifth Assessment research products, including up to 50 distinct reports. For more information, see the [Call for Editorial Board Leadership](#).

Who can apply for Editorial Board Leadership?

The Fifth Assessment is seeking applications for a prospective Editorial Board Leadership team. Teams should apply using a single application, as detailed in the [Call for Editorial Board Leadership](#). The Lead Editor or equivalent role must be affiliated with a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU). Other members of the prospective team may be affiliated with the same institution/system or be spread across institutions or systems.

What if I'm already involved in a Fifth Assessment research product or report?

Editorial Board Leadership **may not** have direct current or prior involvement with any Fifth Assessment research products or reports as an author, contributor, or advisor.

However, we welcome your participation in the review process as an **Expert Reviewer** or as **Associate Editor**. Associate Editors may have direct involvement with Fifth Assessment research products or reports but must recuse themselves from any Editorial Board conversations and deliberations about such reports. Calls for expert reviewers and Associate Editors are forthcoming.

Can I be part of multiple applications?

Yes, individuals may be featured in multiple leadership team applications.

What are considerations for alternative staffing structures?

The [Call for Editorial Board Leadership](#) lays out a standard structure for the leadership team consisting of one Lead Editor and one Deputy Lead Editor. However, alternative staffing structures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Alternative staffing structures must satisfy the same list of responsibilities that the Call for Editorial Board Leadership divides between the Lead and Deputy Lead Editors, but may divide these responsibilities in other ways, as appropriate. The statement of qualifications must clarify the intended division of responsibilities.

For contracting purposes, alternative staffing structures must feature one individual who oversees project management and administrative logistics and tasks, including invoicing, subcontracting, and meeting Assessment timelines. This individual **must** be affiliated with a UC or CSU.

How many Editorial Boards?

Just one.

Can Lead and Deputy Editors be from the same institution/system?

Yes!

Can the same person be listed as Lead/Deputy Editor in more than one application?

Yes!