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The start of my story
Career path
14 years in publishing… and counting!

My path
- Pharma News Editor
- Business Acquisition Editor
- Executive Commissioning Editor
- Publisher

A more typical path
- Assistant Editor
- Journals Editor
- Executive Journals Editor
- Publisher

A more specialised path where scientific training is essential
- Assistant Editor
- Associate Editor
- Deputy Editor
- Editor-in-Chief
What my job entails

Key responsibilities
- Financial and strategic management of a journal programme
- Strategic partnerships with society partners
- Leading and motivating a team
- Collaborating with many different people

Highlights
- Developing successful journals and longstanding partnerships
- Recruiting editors
- The buzz of commissioning
- The excitement of launching new products
Working in publishing
Pros and cons – views are my own!

Pros
- Gaining commercial experience
- Staying in touch with science and building a network of contacts
- Getting a broader view of subject areas
- Helping researchers to disseminate their work and to learn about the latest advances
- Being part of an evolving industry where technology is opening up opportunities
- Travel opportunities

Cons
- Tends to be less well paid than some areas of industry
- Many roles are desk based
- UK jobs not widely distributed (mostly London, Oxford, Cambridge)
- A lot of emails!
Tips for getting into publishing

Standing out from the crowd
- Getting involved with manuscript preparation and peer review
- Internship with a society or publisher
- Experience with a university publication or website

Applications
- Proofread your CV!
- Make the recruiter’s life easier: highlight relevant experience and skills

Interviews
- Prepare well – research the company & products
- Find out what type of interview it will be
- Other candidates may have publishing qualifications. What can you bring to the job?
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