

Governance, functions and roles of the Editorial Team of *Anales de Psicología*

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Organizational structure

Although the general editorial guidelines and management are issued by the Publications Service of the University of Murcia (the publishing house that legally owns the journal), the latter grants autonomy for the organizational guidelines and editorial criteria to the Departments and [Faculty](#) that house the Psychology areas of knowledge at the University of Murcia. Since 1993, these departments have agreed on an **academic management structure** for the journal comprised of an Editorial Team composed of an [Editorial Board](#), with expert support from the [Editorial Advisory Board](#). The former is made up of representatives from the Psychology areas of knowledge (both from the University of Murcia and from other universities and research centers, both Spanish and international), and the latter is composed of academics and experts from various national and international universities and institutions. The Editorial Board also has the function of updating the roles and responsibilities of its members, always in line with the advances and requirements of the editorial quality assessment agencies for scientific journals and with the suggestions and recommendations of the Editorial Board.

The current structure of the Editorial Board, updated in 2025, includes 24 members from the six areas of knowledge in Psychology, of whom 9 (37.5%) are from other Spanish universities and 14 (58.3%) are women. The Editorial Advisory Board, also updated in 2025, has 78 members, of whom 69 (88.5%) are external to the University of Murcia and 38 (48.7%) are women. Both Boards have a combined total of 102 members, of whom 17 (16.7%) belong to academic institutions in other countries.

Functions, roles, and responsibilities

Within the **Editorial Board**, the members share the duties of Editor in chief, Deputy editor, and Section editor:

- The person holding the **Editor** (Director) role is responsible for the general coordination of the journal and its relationship with the institutions associated with the journal (publishing house, areas of knowledge, etc.) and the services and companies related to production, layout, web publishing, databases, etc. They also coordinate the Editorial Board, convening the periodic meetings necessary to make the relevant collegial decisions. It is also responsible for keeping the Editorial Advisory Board informed about changes introduced in the journal or about projects.
- The person(s) serving as **Deputy Editor** is responsible for the initial editorial flow, both in the first review and in the assignment of manuscripts to area editors for the second review by expert reviewers.
- **Section Editors** receive from the Deputy Editor the manuscripts assigned to them by subject area and lead the entire review process by external reviewers until the final editorial decision of rejection or acceptance.

They are also required to comply with the approved regulations, procedures, and quality objectives. The **Editorial Advisory Board** serves as expert support to the Editorial Board and may also serve as reviewers of manuscripts submitted to the journal that are relevant to their specialization.

Editorial Board member selection Protocol

Members of both the Editorial Board and the Editorial Board are nominated by the Departments and/or Areas of Psychology at the University of Murcia, in periodic updates every four years. Executive positions are elected from among the members of the Editorial Board.