

Journal of Applied Psychology Professional Development Workshop (JAP PDW)

Publishing High-Impact Research in Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management and Applied Psychology

Hosted by Department of Work and Organizational Psychology, University of Bern

OVERVIEW

Publishing in leading international journals has become increasingly challenging. Beyond theoretical originality and methodological rigor, successful publications require a deep understanding of editorial expectations, positioning strategies, and the peer-review process. To support researchers in developing publishable research, the Department of Work and Organizational Psychology at the University of Bern is pleased to host a *Journal of Applied Psychology* Professional Development Workshop (JAP PDW) bringing together the Editor and Associate Editors of the *Journal of Applied Psychology* and scholars from around the world.

This workshop offers a unique opportunity for doctoral students, early career researchers and established academics to receive developmental feedback on their research directly from members of the journal's editorial team. Rather than evaluating completed work only, the workshop aims to foster constructive dialogue, improve manuscripts, and help authors strengthen their research before submission to leading journals.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop seeks to:

- Provide researchers with a better understanding of the editorial process at the *Journal of Applied Psychology*;
- Offer developmental feedback from the Editorial Team on research projects and manuscripts;
- Discuss what makes a contribution theoretically meaningful and practically relevant;
- Help authors position their work for publication in top-tier journals;
- Create opportunities for interactions between researchers at different career stages and members of the editorial board;
- Foster an international research community committed to advancing high-quality organizational research.

TOPICS

Submissions are welcome from all areas covered by the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, including (but not limited to): Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Leadership, Motivation and Work Engagement, Employee Well-being, Occupational Health Psychology, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Teams and Collaboration, Decision Making, Technology and Artificial Intelligence at Work, Performance Management, Customer Service and Service Work, Careers and Sustainable Employment, Future of Work.

We welcome contributions employing qualitative, quantitative, mixed-method, experimental, longitudinal, diary, multilevel, computational or theoretical approaches. Both early-stage projects and mature manuscripts are encouraged.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

November 13, 2026

Morning - Editorial Insights Session

The workshop will begin with an interactive session featuring members of the editorial team of the *Journal of Applied Psychology*.

Afternoon - Developmental Paper Sessions

Accepted papers will be discussed during highly interactive developmental sessions. A maximum of **24 selected papers**. Each paper will receive extensive feedback from an Associate Editor together with comments from participants.

Authors are expected to actively engage in discussions throughout the workshop.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Authors are invited to submit:

- Title
- Abstract (maximum 500 words)
- Author(s)
- Affiliation(s)
- Contact information
- Current stage of manuscript development

Submissions should clearly indicate the research question, theoretical contribution, methodology and expected contribution to the literature.

Please send your submission to Mrs. Christine Soltermann christine.soltermann@unibe.ch

IMPORTANT DATES

September 18, 2026

Deadline for abstract submission

October 15, 2026

Notification of acceptance

November 13, 2026

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REGISTRATION

There is **no registration fee**.

VENUE

University of Bern, Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern, Switzerland