

During the next decade, academic nutrition will enter a period of unprecedented opportunity and excitement—the biochemical bases for the effects of nutrients are being rapidly identified. These developments solidify the science on which academic nutrition stands. At the same time that nutrition science has matured and investigations have become increasingly more sophisticated, biochemistry journals have continuously moved their focus toward the study of subcellular biology. There is a growing need for a journal that focuses on whole animal, organ-level, and cell-level biochemistry of nutrients.

It is for this reason that we have undertaken to start a new journal—*The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*. The primary focus of the journal will be on investigations that emphasize biochemistry, molecular biology, neurochemistry, toxicology, or pharmacology in relation to nutrition. We will seek submissions from authors investigating experimental nutrition (animal or human) at the cellular, organ level, or whole-body level, including work with a basic biochemical and molecular biology orientation.

Each issue will include several classes of communications:

*Research manuscripts*—communications that describe original research performed by the authors

*Review manuscripts*—communications that review a body of knowledge that would be of interest to the readers of the journal

*Rapid communications*—communications that describe the results of interesting studies briefly and that can be reviewed in an expedited manner

*Methods manuscripts*—communications that describe the development and validation of new methodology. Such papers will often include data from pilot studies in which the methods have been used

*Methods of nutritional biochemistry*—communications that describe existing methodology in a “cookbook” format that will facilitate the transfer of the methods to other laboratories. Normally, such submissions are expected to come from laboratories with acknowledged expertise in the use of the described methods.

We plan to make our journal an attractive place for you to publish because of the high quality of its scientific content and because it is read by an audience interested in nutritional biochemistry. Our review process is thorough—every manuscript is evaluated by two experts in the field being studied. We try to accept or reject a manuscript in less than a month, and to publish manuscripts within four to five months. We have no page charges, and supply free reprints. We hope that you will find the journal to be an important asset.

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