

The Plant Cell is now accepting applications for **Assistant Features Editors (AFEs)** to begin in **2026 and 2027** (more details [here](#))! This is a great opportunity for early career researchers passionate about plant biology and science communication.

What AFEs Do:

- Write *In Brief* articles highlighting recent publications in *The Plant Cell*
- Participate in editorial board discussions and training
- Receive mentorship in peer review and editorial decision-making
- Attend *Plant Cell* editorial board meetings (travel covered for the in-person meeting)

Program Details:

- Two cohorts will be selected from this application cycle (starting in 2026 and 2027)
- Appointments are for **1 year**, renewable for a second
- AFEs receive a **small honorarium** and financial support to attend in-person editorial meetings (typically held with the **ASPB Plant Biology meeting**)
- Recruitment alternates with *Plant Physiology* (which will recruit AFEs in 2026 for 2027–2028)

Who Should Apply?

- Senior Ph.D. students or postdoctoral researchers
- Strong writers with demonstrated research excellence

Application Requirements (due Sept 15, 2025):

1. Cover letter (experience, expertise, goals, motivation)
2. CV
3. Contact information for two referees (referees should send letters directly to **Nan Eckardt, neckardt@aspb.org**)
4. A first-author paper you were responsible for writing
5. An *In Brief* writing sample (~600 words, concise and engaging, with simple figure + legend). Examples available in recent issues of *The Plant Cell*: [link](#)

Submit materials to **TPCAFEapplication@aspb.org** with subject line: “*Plant Cell AFE Application*”

Deadline: Monday, September 15, 2025

This is a valuable chance to gain editorial board experience, mentorship, and visibility in the plant science community, encouraging anyone eligible and interested to apply!