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[Journal of Biomechanical Engineering](#) (JBME) is a journal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) with an impact factor between 1.9 and 2.1 over the last few years. JBME reports research results involving the application of mechanical engineering principles to the improvement of human health. The scope of relevant topics ranges from basic biology to biomedical applications and includes theoretical, computational, experimental, and clinical studies.

Victor Barocas and Beth Winkelstein served as the Co-Editors of JBME since 2012, with Prof. Winkelstein stepping down in January 2021 to become the Chair of the ASME Board of Editors. The current JBME editorial board consists of 22 Associate Editors, 9 of whom are women, and a very small number of traditionally underrepresented minorities. In collaboration with the Bioengineering Division, JBME is launching a search for two Diversity Advocates to join its editorial board for a two-year term starting July 1, 2021. In partnership with the JBME Editors, the Diversity Advocates will assist with efforts to elevate consideration of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the journal function, including:

- Developing strategies for attracting, mentoring, and retaining women, persons of color, persons with disabilities, and veterans on the JBME editorial board;
- Ensuring that conversations about diversity are prominent in JBME editorial content and JBME-sponsored events; and
- Recruiting manuscripts for possible publication in JBME from members of traditionally underrepresented groups.

Candidates for the position of JBME Diversity Advocate should be individuals with a demonstrated commitment to the bioengineering and biomechanical systems discipline and technical community, as well as the mission of ASME to promote engineering science to the benefit of humankind. They must be able to articulate their commitment to advocating for diverse representation and diverse voices in all matters pertaining to the journal's function and editorial board constitution.

To apply for one of the two open positions, candidates should submit a single .pdf to **Victor Barocas** (baroc001@umn.edu) by **April 1, 2021, consisting of:**

- A cover letter including a summary of relevant experiences with journal publications and/or technical authorship;
- An NSF-style or NIH-style biosketch; and
- A single-page diversity statement describing past experience with diversity and inclusion efforts and the candidate's goals for their service to JBME.

All interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application.