Nominations. The current Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *MIS Quarterly* (MISQ), Professor Arun Rai, Georgia State University, will complete a successful term of editorial service with the journal as of December 31, 2020. The Policy Committee of the MISQ invites nominations in writing from the Information Systems research community for the position of EIC for a three-year term from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023. A nominator should determine *in advance* of forwarding a nomination that a candidate is willing to be considered, and explicitly note this in his or her letter. MISQ is widely recognized as a premier academic journal in the field of Information Systems. The journal is published four times each year and is available online by subscription at [https://misq.org/](https://misq.org/), as well as through EBSCO and to individual members of the Association for Information Systems (AIS).

Responsibilities. The MISQ EIC is responsible for setting the editorial vision for the journal, in consultation with the Editorial Board and MISQ’s key stakeholders. Other primary responsibilities include managing the MISQ Editorial Board; selecting Associate and Senior Editors in consultation with the current Senior Editors; developing Associate Editors; planning for the content of special issues and identifying and approving Special Issue Editors; serving as Senior Editor on Issues & Opinions articles and other submissions where appropriate; overseeing the selection of award recipients (Paper of the Year, Best Associate Editor, and Best Reviewer); and overseeing the review process to ensure that papers are processed effectively and efficiently. The EIC also deals with all plagiarism cases brought to the attention of the journal.

In addition, the MISQ EIC provides the leadership for the journal’s initiatives to develop authors, reviewers, and editors; and to enhance the impact and visibility of work. The EIC serves as the international ambassador for the journal and is responsible for carrying out liaison and leadership work with the global constituency of the journal; this requires the EIC to travel domestically and internationally in response to invitations. The EIC is expected to maintain a strong working relationship with the MISQ Publisher’s Office at the University of Minnesota.

For each issue, the MISQ EIC is responsible for writing an editorial (Editor’s Comments), or soliciting a Guest Editorial for the issue. The editing of published articles for the journal, the production of the journal issues, and financial budgeting and operations planning are handled by the Publisher and the MISQ Staff at the University of Minnesota. Oversight of the MISQ EIC’s activities is provided by the MISQ Policy Committee. The expectation is for the EIC to consult with the Policy Committee and the Publisher’s Office on all matters that deviate from the established policies and practices of the journal. In addition, the EIC is expected to be a major contributor to the decision-making process on changes in the electronic reviewing system and MISQ’s digital
platform. The current EIC estimates the time per week on MISQ editorial work to be highly variable, but the average across the entire year would be something between 35 to 40 hours.

**Qualifications.** The key qualifications for the MISQ EIC position include (1) senior editorial experience at one of the leading journals in the IS field (e.g., MISQ preferred, but also *Management Science, Information Systems Research, Journal of Management Information Systems, Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, etc.) and excellence in editorial work, including quality and timeliness, and shepherding novel work; (2) awareness of the state-of-the-art in IS research across the breadth of the field, and a personal commitment to nurturing new ideas and championing an agenda for research that embraces the full scope of scholarship in the field; (3) evidence of significant scholarship and research contributions to the field; (4) a track record of excellence in working with editors, reviewers, and authors, being a strong communicator, pursuing decisions in a consultative manner, balancing detailed and high-level issues in his/her work, and other management experience; (5) evidence of significant support from the candidate’s college or university in terms of course teaching releases, summer salary, and/or a budget for office staff; and (6) the ability and commitment to sustain a heavy service workload to the IS field for three years, in view of career, family, and personal considerations. An additional desirable characteristic is evidence of scholarly leadership in the IS discipline, such as innovative editorial initiatives and bridging scholarly communities.

**Selection Process.** The selection process will consist of two phases. The first phase is the nomination phase, in which the MISQ Policy Committee is requesting nominations for candidates. The nomination phase will conclude on June 23, 2020, with invitations made several days later to the most promising candidates to submit a current CV, a “Statement of University Support,” and a “Vision Statement” for their role as MISQ EIC no later than July 31, 2020. The second phase will involve the evaluation of candidates by the Policy Committee, based on the submitted information. During this phase, the Policy Committee will screen the nominees, conduct interviews, consult with senior research leaders in the field to determine the appropriateness of the candidates, and make a final decision, resulting in an invitation for a new EIC. The expected completion date for this phase is September 15, 2020, with interviews to occur during the last two weeks of August 2020. The overall goal is to make it possible for a new candidate to begin “shadowing” the current EIC in late September 2020, so that the incoming EIC has three months to establish an understanding of the journal’s operations and activities, and the people involved.

**Statement of University Support.** Given the extensive commitment of time that is required from the MISQ EIC, the Policy Committee requests a brief one-page “Statement of University Support” letter from nominees who pass the first screening phase for the MISQ EIC position. This first required statement should indicate any specifics for the support that the candidate’s Dean’s Office is willing to provide to them in this work. Nominees who pass the initial screening phase are welcome to consult with the current MISQ EIC or the Search Committee Chair about the kinds of support that he/she may be able to obtain.
Vision Statement. In addition, nominees who pass the first phase screening for the MISQ EIC by the Policy Committee will be invited to respond to the following five points in a “Vision Statement”: (1) your evaluation of the current state of the journal based on your knowledge of the MISQ; (2) the directions that you believe the MISQ should take during the coming three years, related initiatives that you might undertake, and your greatest strengths for the role; (3) your editorial philosophy; (4) your approach as EIC in identifying and addressing the operational and developmental issues for MISQ and working with the editorial board and the Policy Committee; and (5) any personal issues that you may have related to the EIC position or personal requirements that need to be discussed. Nominees should present this second required statement in no more than 5 pages, with 11-point, 1.5-space in Times New Roman font.

Making the Nomination. Nominations for the next MISQ EIC should include a letter of support from the nominator and a current CV of the nominee to any of the members of the MISQ Policy Committee, with a copy to the following address: misq@umn.edu; please include MISQ EIC in the Subject/Reference line. Self-nominations are discouraged. The MIS Quarterly Policy Committee consists of:

- Gautam Ray, Policy Committee & MISQ EIC Search Committee Chair, MISQ Publisher, University of Minnesota, gautamr@umn.edu
- Rajiv Kohli, AIS VP for Publications, William & Mary, Raymond A. Mason School of Business, Rajiv.Kohli@mason.wm.edu
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- Arun Rai, current MISQ EIC, Georgia State University, arunrai@gsu.edu

All questions about the nomination process should be directed to the Search Committee Chair at: gautamr@umn.edu.

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