



Guidelines for Proposing a Thematic Issue

We invite proposals for thematic topics that explore established yet evolving fields of interest within mineralogy, geochemistry, and petrology. Themes must be interdisciplinary and relevant to a broad audience. Please follow the guidelines below to submit your proposal:

(1) Proposal Submission Requirements:

- Proposals are accepted twice annually, with deadlines of **March 25** and **September 25**.
- Submit proposals via email to editor@elementsmagazine.org.
- Ensure your proposal is no more than four pages. Submissions exceeding this limit will not be considered.

(2) Proposed Thematic Topic:

- Provide the title and a brief explanation of the topic.
- Themes should highlight progressing fields with interdisciplinary relevance that engage a diverse readership.

(3) Proposed Guest Editors

- Include at least two Guest Editors, along with their full contact information.
- Guest Editors should:
 - Be respected experts in the proposed field.
 - Present a balanced perspective on the theme.
 - Exhibit excellent organizational skills and proficiency in written English.
 - Commit to meeting deadlines.

(4) Overall Scope

- Describe the thematic topic in one or two paragraphs.
- Explain its importance and why it should be featured in *Elements*.

(5) Proposed Articles

Provide an outline for six articles (one introductory + five thematic articles):

- **Introductory Article:** Written by the Guest Editors, this article should offer a thorough and engaging overview of the theme.
- **Thematic Articles:** These should be review-based, synthesizing work from the international scientific community, including universities, industry, and government. Avoid focusing on the work of a single group or institution.

For each article, include:

- Title (catchy and engaging).
- Names and affiliations of at least two authors.
- A brief yet informative description of the content, including specific applications and recent advances.

Additional Guidelines for Articles and Authors:

- Represent diverse perspectives, including geographic, institutional, and gender diversity.
- Make an active effort to include contributions from underrepresented groups in STEM while maintaining the highest standards of quality and relevance for the thematic issue.
- Include authors outside your immediate network of collaborators.
- **Do not commit to specific authors until your proposal is accepted.**

(6) Related Coverage

- Indicate if this topic has been featured elsewhere (e.g., workshops, review volumes).
- If previously covered in *Elements*, explain how the field has progressed or why broader coverage is warranted.

(7) Additional Information

- Provide any other relevant details that strengthen your proposal.

We look forward to your submission and appreciate your contributions to advancing scientific knowledge through *Elements*!