

Proposal and Writing Process

All Academic Press and AOCS Press proposals must undergo a rigorous review process before entering production.

1. **Proposal:** Send us your idea or your book proposal. A quality book proposal includes suggested chapter titles and contributors, along with a summary of the need for the book in the marketplace.
2. **Review:** The AOCS Books and Special Publications Committee or subject matter experts, if needed, will review your book proposal and offer feedback to improve the book. Elsevier will also review the proposal.
3. **Agreement:** Once your proposal has been accepted contracts are prepared to confirm the publishing partnership. After AOCS and Elsevier have received signed electronic copies of the agreement, the book production process begins. Editors and chapter contributors will receive the Author Guidelines.

Writing Process

1. **Writing:** An AOCS Production Coordinator will be available to support the writing process, if needed. Elsevier also offers some helpful tips as you prepare the book manuscript.
2. **Peer-Review:** All book chapters must go through peer-review by at least one outside expert. Editors are responsible for the peer-review process, but AOCS Press can facilitate reviews, if necessary.
3. **Production:** An Elsevier production specialist will oversee the production process.

Submission: Elsevier's Electronic Manuscript Submission System (EMSS)

Once accepted, the EMSS, a manuscript submission website, is utilized.

- EMSS provides a central location where editors can access manuscript files (all drafts and final versions), art files, and other paperwork associated with chapters.
- EMSS notifies editors and authors by email when a chapter has been submitted or returned to them.
- EMSS saves time by managing work streams, tracking chapters, and eliminating mailings.

- EMSS simplifies communication between authors, editors, and Elsevier.

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