

Guidelines for Preparing an AGU Book Proposal

AGU welcomes proposals across all fields of Earth and space science for the Geophysical Monograph Series. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed book for evaluation by Wiley, AGU, the Editorial Board, and reviewers. The proposal should be structured as follows and submitted as a Microsoft Word (preferred) or PDF document.

Author information

- Name of lead author(s) or editor(s)
- Mailing address, phone, and email for corresponding author or editor
- Statement regarding the author(s) or editor(s) qualifications to lead this book project
- Link to university webpage and/or personal website of the author(s) or editor(s)
- List of, and weblinks to, previous books by the author(s) or editor(s)
- Author(s) or editor(s) CV

Descriptive summary

- Tentative title
- Statement of the aims and scope (at least 400 words)
- Rationale for proposing a new book in this area (at least 500 words)
- Justification for why you wish to publish this book with AGU
- Description of unique or notable features (5 to 8 bullet points)
- List of competing works currently available or under preparation and description of how the proposed book is different

Content outline

- Explanation of the organization of chapters
- Table of Contents
 - For edited books, specify authors for each chapter and their affiliations, indicating who has agreed to contribute and who is only suggested (it is expected that several chapter authors at least will have committed to contribute by the time of submitting the proposal)
 - For authored books, include a draft introduction and a detailed outline of the rest of the book, such as abstracts for each chapter or a sample chapter
- Estimate the expected minimum and maximum number of manuscript pages (i.e. double-spaced manuscript pages including any tables, figure captions, references, and appendices but excluding the figures themselves)
- Estimate the number of figures in black/white and color
- List any planned special features (e.g. glossary, foldouts, website, etc.)

Market estimate

- Describe the primary and secondary audiences for the book
- List the most relevant AGU Sections related to the book theme (see <https://www.agu.org/Learn-About-AGU/About-AGU/Governance/Sections>)
- List other relevant scientific societies, professional organizations, conferences, and meetings where the book could be marketed
- Note any bulk sale potential (e.g. to companies)

Additional information

- Give the projected schedule for initial chapter submission, the peer review process, and final manuscript completion
- Suggest 6 to 10 people not associated with the proposal who would be qualified to review it (provide their contact information and describe how you know each)

Please submit your proposal and direct any queries to books@agu.org