

## Proposing a Thematic Issue



To propose a thematic topic for *Elements*, first contact one of the principal editors to state your intention to propose a theme. Then submit a 1–2-page proposal including the information described below.

### **(1) Proposed Thematic Topic:**

Themes should be interdisciplinary topics that have not previously been adequately or broadly presented in *Elements*. Topics generally represent established but progressing fields that would interest a broad cross section of readers.

### **(2) Proposed Guest Editor name(s) and full contact information:**

There will usually be one or two guest editors. If more than two are proposed, please define the roles of the individual participants. Guest editors should be knowledgeable of and respected in the field of the proposed theme, able to present a balanced view of the topic, capable of writing clear English, organized, and able to meet deadlines.

### **(3) Overall Scope:**

Include one or two paragraphs describing the thematic topic and why it is important to cover in *Elements*.

### **(4) Proposed articles with brief descriptions, proposed authors, and their institutions (5 articles + introductory article preferred)**

Do not make commitments to the authors until after the proposal has been accepted.

Topics and authorship should be representative of work in the field, drawing on the international community, and representing work in universities, industry, and government labs. Please consider the full pool of talented scientists, including women and people from underrepresented communities. Articles are generally overviews, covering work previously published or presented.

Provide the following information for each article:

Topic:

Authors and their institutions:

Description:

### **(5) Proposed schedule to produce the issue:**

Outline the timeline you plan to follow to complete your issue, including the final deadline you would be able to meet. Details of scheduling will be determined after the proposal has been accepted.

### **(6) Related coverage previously published elsewhere, if applicable:**

### **(7) Other information, if applicable:**

### **(8) Submitted by:**