

Submission Deadline—March 1, 2016



Reinventing Boron Chemistry and Materials for the 21st Century

Boron-based compounds are an ideal platform for developing new technologies due to their thermal and chemical stability, mechanical strength, and electrical and magnetic properties. Boron's capability to adopt a wide range of bonding configurations facilitates the creation of structurally-rich compounds with diverse electrical and mechanical properties. This Focus Issue of the *Journal of Materials Research* will highlight exciting recent developments in understanding, designing, and preparing boron-containing materials.

A multitude of potential applications exists for these compounds, including coatings for thermal and wear protection, high-field permanent magnets, grinding media, thermoelectric devices, neutron detectors, and superconductors. To advance these engineering applications, a fundamental understanding of how composition and microstructure can be used to control physical properties is needed, in addition to accessible processing methods with which to reliably produce these materials.

The editors encourage contributed papers concerned broadly with boron-based materials research. Both fundamental and applied subjects are welcome.

Potential topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

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- ◆ Theoretical modeling and design of boride compounds
- ◆ Development of boron-based electronics for sensors
- ◆ Novel routes for synthesizing boron compounds
- ◆ Boron-containing magnetic materials
- ◆ Methods for the preparation of boride nanomaterials
- ◆ Boron-based materials for ultra high temperature, oxidative, and corrosive environments
- ◆ New boride compositions, phases, and polymorphs
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- ◆ Engineering boron surfaces
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