

Now Accepting Applications for Editor-in-Chief, AGU Books

AGU books support the needs of Earth and space scientists in the 21st century for research, learning, teaching, and professional development. Our books present cutting-edge research, techniques, methods, applications, and more. We have four active [book series](#): the Geophysical Monograph Series, the Advanced Textbook Series, Special Publications, and GeoHorizons (open access).

AGU is seeking an experienced scientist with strong leadership skills and editorial expertise to lead the Books Program. The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) will set and implement the strategy for publishing high-quality books and work with AGU staff and our publishing partners to drive continued excellence, impact, and global reputation. The EIC is expected to be active in soliciting new content from leading scientists to be published in AGU books. The EIC will be actively part of a wider community of 25 EICs from across all AGU publications.

Primary Functions

- Develop and deliver the strategic plan for the AGU Books Program in collaboration with staff and in alignment with the overall strategic direction of AGU Publications as developed by the AGU Board, Council, and Publications Committee.
- Manage the Editorial Board, recruiting new members when there are vacancies, ensuring a balanced workload, and fostering a sense of community.
- Proactively conduct outreach to prospective Volume Editors and Volume Authors, both in person and virtually, to commission new books.
- Assess expressions of interest and full book proposals for suitability against a range of criteria.
- Act as the Subject Editor for books in one's area of expertise, which includes ensuring rigor of the peer-review process and high quality of scientific content.
- Support Editorial Board members as needed with manuscript evaluation and editorial decision-making on their book assignments.
- Serve as mediator between Volume Editors/Authors, chapters authors, reviewers, and the Editorial Board, as needed.
- Maintain AGU's commitment to research integrity and, where needed, handle ethical issues in collaboration with AGU Publications staff and the AGU Ethics team.
- Explore opportunities for new types of publication products as part of the long-term expansion and sustainability of the AGU Books Program.
- Commit and contribute to AGU's efforts to promoting [diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility \(DEIA\) in scholarly publishing](#).

Desired Qualities and Experience

- An active scientist, well-known and well-regarded in one's discipline
- Broad knowledge of diverse scientific disciplines covered by the AGU portfolio and comfort dealing with content beyond one's primary area of expertise
- Foresight on emerging topics in the Earth and space sciences and long-term needs of AGU's community
- Confidence to communicate with scientists around the world in person at scientific events and via video contact and email to advocate for publishing with AGU
- Prior experience serving on the editorial board of a peer-reviewed scholarly publication
- Expert in interpreting reviewer feedback, even on topics outside of one's primary area of expertise
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to promptly respond to email correspondences (e.g., within 1 business day)
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Able to sensitively yet decisively engage in conflict resolution and mediation
- Experience leading during times of change
- Strong, global professional network
- Previous experience as an editor, author, or reviewer of a scholarly book
- Interest in and knowledge of developments in the scholarly book publishing industry

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The AGU Books Program publishes 10–15 books per year, comprising about 150 peer-reviewed chapters (each equivalent to a journal article). The EIC can expect to spend an average of 5 hours per week on a variety of tasks, though the weekly workload and type of tasks vary throughout the year.

EICs are appointed for a 4-year term and may be invited to consider a 2-year extension. **The position begins 1 January 2027.**

The EIC position includes a quarterly honorarium, a travel stipend, and waived registration to the AGU Annual Meeting. The EIC is expected to adhere to the Ethical Obligations of Editors and Code of Conduct outlined in AGU's [Scientific Integrity and Professional Ethics Policy](#).

AGU strongly encourages candidates from outside the US to apply. **If you would like to be considered for the EIC position, complete the [application form](#) which must include your curriculum vitae and a letter of interest.**

If you would like to nominate a highly qualified colleague, send a letter of recommendation to pubmatters@agu.org. Please make sure that you specify AGU Books Program in the subject line of the email.

Deadline for applications is 14 June 2026.



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