

Information for Authors

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Journal Scope

ACS Photonics is dedicated to publishing high-impact research in the rapidly evolving field of photonics. The journal seeks to be the primary publication avenue for work in the areas where photonics and optoelectronics are key enabling technologies. Interdisciplinary research and research addressing emerging issues in photonics are of particular interest. Areas of interest to the journal include:

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- Quantum optics and single-photon processes
- Flexible electronics and displays
- Silicon photonics
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- Lasers, quantum electronics, and optical amplifiers
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- Photonics for energy materials
- Biophotonics
- Micro- and nano-optoelectromechanical systems
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