

Manuscript Submissions Guidelines

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Your work is pertinent and will be considered if: 1) the subject meets our mission statement outlined above, or 2) you reside in the region.

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If you feel that the subject of your work falls within our mission, please respond to the following "Submission Guidelines for Proposed Works." You may send your complete manuscript, but we cannot return it. If you choose to send a sample of your work, we will notify you after reviewing your proposal if we would like to receive a complete copy of your manuscript.

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Submission Guidelines for Proposed Works

- Describe or summarize your proposed book in about three paragraphs.
- Submit a Table of Contents (if applicable) with one or two lines describing each chapter.
- Attach no more than 15 pages of the manuscript.

Answer the questions in three pages or less.

- Explain why you think your book should be published. Is there a demonstrated need?
- Identify five audiences for your book. How would you promote your book to these audiences?
- In what ways can you assist with the publishing of your book? For example, will you be willing to assist with the marketing and sales of the book? How much time could you devote to working with our book marketing department to promote your book? What skills or contacts do you have that may help in the marketing of your book?
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- Please tell us about your career experience and educational credentials, as well as your experience in your subject and writing for the media—for example, media article/column publishing, speaking and teaching experience. You may include one or two short articles.
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