

GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION (SPECIAL ISSUE) PROPOSALS

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Landscape Ecology welcomes proposals for collections that focus on one or more key research topics of landscape ecology (<https://link.springer.com/journal/10980>). Proposals should be submitted directly to the **Editor-in-Chief**, and must include the following details:

- 1) **Tentative title:** A provisional title reflecting the theme of the proposed collection.
- 2) **Guest Editors:** Names, affiliations, and contact information of all Guest Editors.
- 3) **Collection Synopsis:** A concise paragraph outlining the main theme, its relevance to landscape ecology, and the anticipated readership.
- 4) **Tentative Table of Contents:** A list of expected articles, including tentative titles, authors, and their affiliations. A collection typically includes 15 to 20 articles.
- 5) **Timeline for Completion:** A proposed schedule with key deadlines, including:
 - Manuscript submission deadline
 - Estimated completion date of the peer-review process
- 6) **Review/Synthesis Paper Requirement:** Each collection must include at least one review or synthesis paper that provides an overarching perspective on the collection's theme. Additional review/synthesis and perspective papers are encouraged.
- 7) **Editorial Requirement:** An editorial (serving as a preface) written by the guest editors is required to introduce the collection and provide context for the included articles.

All submissions undergo a rigorous peer-review process, managed by the guest editors under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief. Guest editors provide recommendations, but the Editor-in-Chief makes the final decision on all manuscripts. The peer-review process should be completed within **6 to 8 months** after the manuscript submission deadline.

Once the proposal is approved, the journal's editorial office will assist guest editors in setting up the online submission portal for the collection. All manuscript review activities will take place within [SNAPP, Springer's manuscript processing system](#).

Additional Considerations for Collection Proposals

Guest Editor Content Threshold

Guest editors may co-author a limited number of articles in the collection. To ensure impartiality and credibility in the editorial process, the proportion of articles co-authored by guest editors should not exceed 25% of the total collection. This means:

- For a 15-article collection: A maximum of 4 articles
- For a 20-article collection: A maximum of 5 articles

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