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RE: Invitation to submit an Article, Letter, or Perspective to *ACS Materials Au* for our 2022 **Rising Stars** Virtual Special Issue.

Dear Sudip,

You may be aware that ACS has launched a suite of nine gold open access journals publishing in specific areas of chemistry and interfacing areas. These titles meet the publishing needs of researchers who choose or are required by their funders to publish in fully open access journals. Shelley Minter will lead the suite of titles as the inaugural Editor-in-Chief, and we will serve as Deputy Editor and Associate Editors for *ACS Materials Au*. You can find more information in Shelley's editorial: "Funding Mandates and the Launch of Nine Fully Open Access ACS Au Journals" (<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acsmaterialsau.1c00003>).

ACS Materials Au is a fully open access journal that aims to publish high-quality research at the forefront of fundamental and applied materials research and at the interface between materials and other disciplines, such as chemistry, engineering and biology. Our scope encompasses that of the ACS hybrid journals *Chemistry of Materials*, *ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*, and *ACS Materials Letters*, and our mission includes ensuring the quality of work published in *ACS Materials Au* meets the standards set by these sister journals. We have published three issues, which you can access from the journal homepage (<https://pubs.acs.org/journal/amacgu>), but are already looking to the future. In particular, we are planning a virtual special issue in 2022 comprising the work of **Rising Stars** in Materials Research. This collection will be populated by contributions from outstanding early-career researchers; the contributions will be published throughout the year, then gathered into a virtual collection. Both the research and the Rising Star will be highlighted, and the collection will be widely publicized by ACS Publications.

We had an open call for nominations, and yours were among the 300+ nominations we received. Based on your record of accomplishment and future promise, we would like to invite you to join the inaugural cohort of *ACS Materials Au* **Rising Stars**. You may choose to submit a Perspective (preferred), Letter, or Article. Please see the author guidelines (https://publish.acs.org/publish/author_guidelines?coden=amacgu) for more information about these publication types. To facilitate your participation, I am happy to offer you a full waiver of the Article Publication Charges (via an APC voucher) so that you can publish gold open access at no out-of-pocket cost to you.

If you plan to accept this invitation, please do let us know within the next two weeks so we can set aside an APC voucher for you. If you can also tell us the manuscript type and estimated submission date, that would be helpful for planning purposes. For an accompanying editorial in the virtual collection, and for general advertising, we will also request a suitable photograph of you. This may be included with the manuscript submission, or emailed directly to me.

In the meantime, should you have any questions about the process or the journal, please don't hesitate to reach out.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie L. Brock".

Stephanie L. Brock, *On behalf of Stephanie L. Brock, Maksym Kovalenko, and Mary Ann Meador*