

## Special Issue

# Functional Hydrogels: From Design to Applications

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on functional hydrogels, from their design to application. These polymeric materials, in either dried or swollen states, exhibit soft and resilient mechanical properties, often with great fracture toughness. The scope of the Special Issue encompasses the synthesis, characterization, and application of functional hydrogels made of various polymers with crosslinks based on covalent, hydrogen, and ionic bonding; hydrophobic association; p–p interactions; and additive ions or nanoparticles. Of particular interest are the various functions of these hydrogels, novel chemistry routes to enabling functionalities in these gels, and their applications in energy and biomedical research as a stepping stone to interdisciplinary research.

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