



## Advances in Functional Thin Films: Fabrication, Properties, and Applications

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The development of thin film science and technology has been widely used in various fields, including energy, optoelectronics, environmental protection, and biomedicine. These applications require very diverse physical, chemical, optoelectronic, mechanical, abrasion, and corrosion resistance properties, which can be achieved by coating functional films on the surface of the substrate. To meet a new application requirement of functional thin film, it is necessary to fully grasp the intrinsic properties of the materials, supplemented by appropriate film fabrication technology. Therefore, the fabrication, properties, and applications of functional thin films are closely related. We sincerely invited researchers in this field to submit relevant manuscripts to this Special Issue of the journal *Coatings*.





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