

Special Issue

High-Entropy Alloy: Formation, Microstructure, and Properties

Message from the Guest Editors

High-entropy alloys (HEAs) that were developed by mixing equimolar or near-equimolar multiple principal elements into alloys have attracted research attention in recent years. This has opened a new field of “metal harmony” and has been further applied in many fields such as transportation, structural materials, and biomedical science. The most remarkable feature of HEAs is their high mechanical performance, and their ability to achieve a balance between strength and toughness. In addition, HEAs exhibit excellent fatigue performance and also achieve excellent specific strength. This special issue correlates the properties improvement in terms of phase formations, microstructural variations, and stress-strain curves. In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to

- Physical or mechanical properties of HEAs;
- Microstructure evolution of HEAs;
- Phase formations of HEAs;
- Processing methods of HEAs

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