

Special Issue

Self-Assembled Block Copolymers: Advances, Applications, and Beyond

Message from the Guest Editor

Technological innovations have driven the microelectronics industry toward miniaturized devices with higher processing speeds, and these devices could provide a model for revolutionary advances in industrial processes and equipment in the future. Self-assembled block copolymers (BCPs) have played a critical role and made significant contributions towards achieving this aim since the introduction of sub-50 nm-scale highly ordered self-assembled structures from BCPs for nanopatterning applications. With numerous pivotal contributions, the directed self-assembly of BCPs enables the microelectronic field to bring the length scale down to a 10 nm feature size, facilitating breakthroughs in experimental techniques and enabling the synthesis and characterization of a wide range of block copolymers with tailored composition, architectures, and properties.

This Special Issue aims to collate research papers on the advancements in the field of BCPs in terms of their synthesis, self-assembly techniques, applications, and nanopatterning beyond traditional directed self-assembly (DSA) methods.

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