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**Submission Guidelines**


**Projected Timelines**

1. Selection of papers: week of IDETC (after presentations) – August 7-11, 2017
2. Invitations to authors to submit sent out: 1 week after IDETC – August 18, 2017
3. Deadline to submit: 5 weeks after IDETC – September 15, 2017
4. Assignment of reviewers: 6 weeks after IDETC – September 22, 2017
5. Reviews back: 11 weeks after IDETC – October 27, 2017 (5 weeks for review)
6. Decisions: 13 weeks after IDETC [if not acceptable, they can resubmit and be considered with the regular review cycle] – November 10, 2017
7. Final manuscripts due: 16 weeks after IDETC – December 1, 2017

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