

## Guidelines on Manuscript Length

*The following method is for Optics Letters papers. For papers in the special issue of J. Luminescence, the total manuscript length should be less than 720 OL lines for an Invited paper, and 480 OL lines for a contributed paper.*

- All estimates are made in terms of single-column *Optics Letters* lines (OL lines). Whenever a rule gives a line equivalent for a number of characters (letters, numerals, and spaces), it is to be understood that partial OL lines will be counted as full lines.
- Standard **headings** take 36 OL lines.
- If the **title** is longer than 66 characters, add 4 lines for every additional 66 characters.
- If more than 1 **address** is to be given, add 7 lines for each additional address
- If the **abstract** is longer than 700 characters (100 words), add 1 line for each additional 100 characters. Subtract 1 line for every 100 characters fewer than 700 characters.
- For the **text** of a manuscript, count the total number of manuscript lines (exclude equations). Count the number of characters in 3 representative manuscript lines (keeping in mind that each space counts as one character), and calculate the number of OL lines using the formula:

number of OL lines = (total number of manuscript text lines) x (number of characters on 3 manuscript lines / 156).

- A simple **equation** occupies 3 OL lines for up to 50 characters, and 1 additional OL line for each additional 50 characters on the same equation line. A complex equation (involving sigma, ?, fractions, subscripts, or superscripts) will occupy 4 OL lines for each additional 50 characters.
- For each **table**, count the number of lines per table and add 2 lines; double this number if any line exceeds 56 characters.
- For each **figure caption** count 1 line for each 56 characters and add 2 lines.
- For each **reference** count 1 line for each 56 characters.
- For each **figure** that can be reduced to single-column width, calculate the height / width ratio. Add these ratios for all figures and multiply the result by 19.5 to get the equivalent number of OL lines. (A square single-column figure will occupy 19.5 OL lines.)