

Invitation to contributions of chapters in the book “A Guide to Entrepreneurship Literature Reviews”, published by Edward Elgar Publishing in 2027.

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Background information: Literature reviews in entrepreneurship research

In recent years, interest in literature reviews has significantly grown in various research fields, and the literature reviews tend to be increasingly advanced. This development is also reflected in the field of entrepreneurship research. The amount of research in the subject has dramatically grown over the last decades, and the demands for high quality research on entrepreneurship has significantly increased. In this respect, a robust literature review is fundamental but often underestimated aspect in entrepreneurship research. While there are numerous studies on entrepreneurship, the quality and depth of literature reviews vary significantly.

In sharp contrast, editors and reviewers in journals are not always particularly interested in publishing literature reviews in different subthemes of entrepreneurship research, since they tend to focus on novelty over knowledge consolidation. Thus, there is a need from many researchers, not least doctoral students to get publishing opportunities for their literature reviews.

The book will represent a comprehensive guide to conducting literature reviews, and provide exemplary examples of literature reviews on different subjects of entrepreneurship, for example, literature reviews in terms of narrative reviews, systematic literature reviews, synthesis of qualitative reviews, meta-analysis, bibliometric analysis, etc. Thus, the aim is to provide European researchers in general, and particularly doctoral students, with a practical and accessible resource for synthesizing accumulated academic knowledge and contribute to the advancement of the field.

We invite you to contribute with a chapter in a book, titled “A Guide to Entrepreneurship Literature Reviews”, that will address this fundamental gap between researchers in entrepreneurship, who are conducting robust literature reviews, and the lack of space in journals for specific literature reviews in the field. We encourage interested authors to submit their proposals to the ESU2025 Conference and Doctoral Programme, where their first draft can receive relevant feedback from the book editors.



Manuscript submission information

- April 2025: Submission of an abstract to the ESU Conference at Southampton Solent University in the UK.
- July 2025: submission of full paper to ESU2025
- September 2025: First draft presented at the ESU2025 Conference.
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