

# Creating Diversity Statements & Prep for Interviews DR. TAJ SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CULTURE & DIVERSITY EDUCATION

D for diversity

I for inclusion

Defining
DEIAB

**B** for belonging

A for access

E for [social] equity

Important for showcasing understanding and to help direct your narrative.

# Diversity Statements

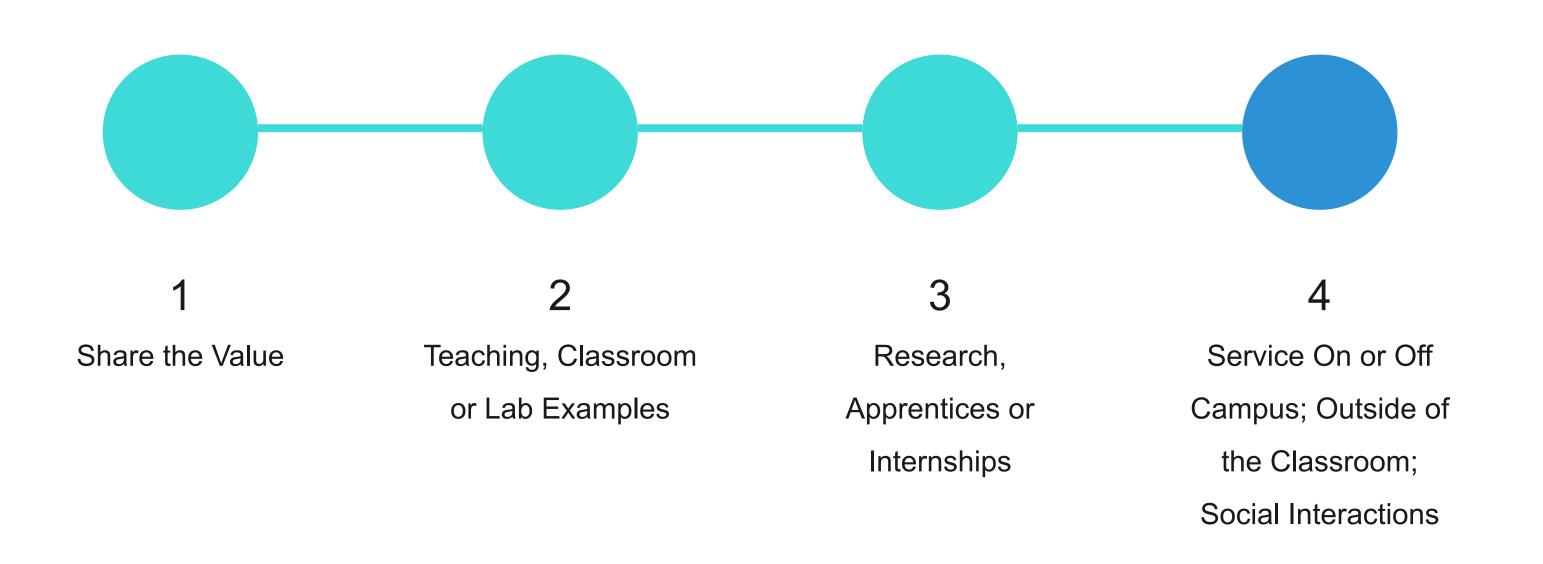
Definition: Statements are a writing sample that explains your interest and knowledge of and experience with DEIAB.

#### Purpose:

- To assess whether an applicant can articulate an institutional value.
- To determine whether applicant has self awareness and personal or professional growth around diversity and its impact on decision making, behavior and practices.
- To provide insight into opportunities for professional development.
- To conduct preliminary assessment on preventing harm on fellow employees or students.

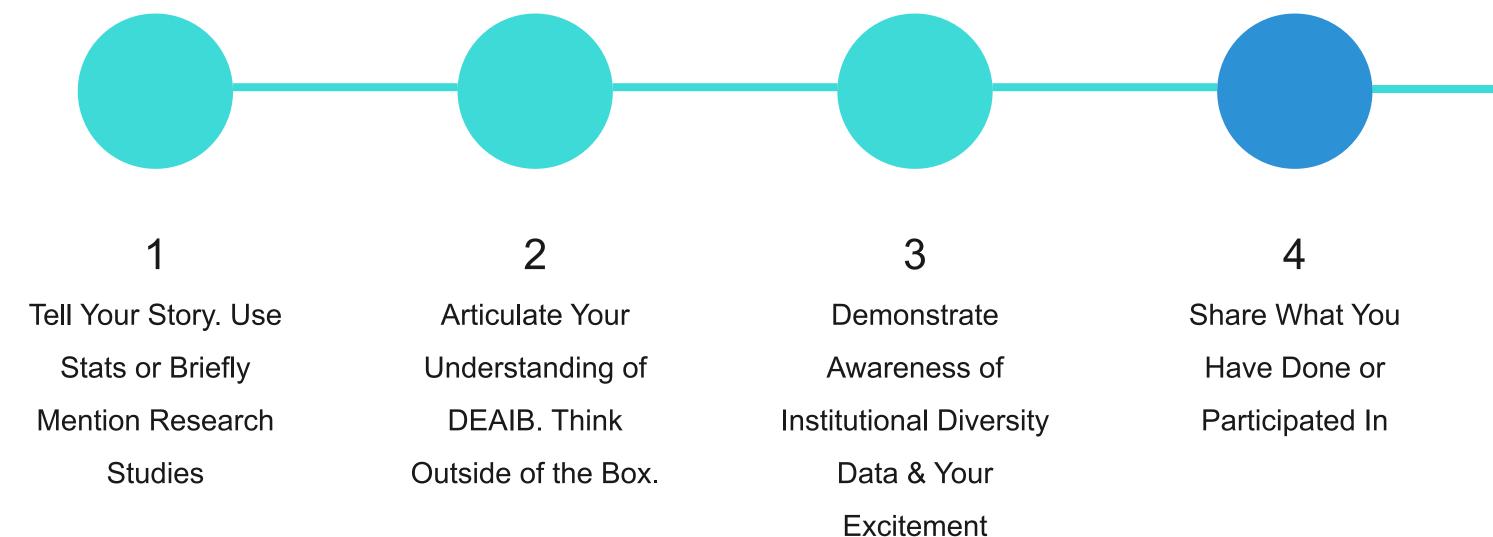
#### Diversity Statement Outline: General Areas of Focus

What goes into a diversity statement?



#### Diversity Statement Outline: Another Way

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Describe Your

**Experience Working** 

with Specific

Demographics.

**Share Lessons** 

Learned.

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Remind Them of

Your Commitment to

DEIAB. Mention How

You Plan to Leverage

That in Your New

Role or Research.

## Diversity Statement Rubric

#### A Model

| Level 1   | Level 2  | Level 3   | Level 4  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Struggles to provide a clear definition of diversity or its value | Didn't play an active role and/or<br>engages in superficial personal<br>encounters | Demonstrates competency not expertise in terms of application or relevance to their work  | Has managed diversity-related conflict effectively                             |
| Communicates that they do not value it                            | Doesn't actively seek out opportunities to engage in this work.                    | Goes beyond 1-on-1 experiences and actively participates in diversity efforts with others | Has held departmental, divisional or institutional wide leadership roles       |
|   | Seems to only view it through their personal lens or individual experience         | Incorporates diversity principles into core job responsibilities                          | Speaks to the benefits of diversity for learners and workers                   |
|   |  |   | Complex understanding of the role diversity plays at multiple levels or spaces |

# How To Gain Experience in DEAIB

- Think about Your Culture Wealth.
  - What unique cultural insight or skills have you gained?

- Reflect on Uncomfortable Learning Moments
- Connecting to Classroom Assignments or Discussions
- Attending Events On or Off Campus

## Individual Work

- Review the samples.
- Write a draft or outline.
- Next, get feedback from a peer. Dr. Taj will roam around.

# Preparing for Diversity Related Interview Questions

Group Work