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Explains the importance of gap

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Long-term goal Comments:	Statement on long-term goal has ALL the criteria: includes direct statement of ultimate broad goals/extensions statement of long term goal(s) indicates the potential for the advancement of the discipline statement indicates the potential for interdisciplinary advancements statement indicates the potential to benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes	Statement on long-term goal has 3 of the criteria: includes direct statement of ultimate broad goals/extensions statement of long term goal(s) indicates the potential for the advancement of the discipline statement indicates the potential for interdisciplinary advancements statement indicates the potential to benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes	Statement on long-term goal has 2 of the criteria: includes direct statement of ultimate broad goals/extensions statement of long term goal(s) indicates the potential for the advancement of the discipline statement indicates the potential for interdisciplinary advancements statement indicates the potential to benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes	Statement on long-term goal has 0-1 of the criteria: includes direct statement of ultimate broad goals/extensions statement of long term goal(s) indicates the potential for the advancement of the discipline statement indicates the potential for interdisciplinary advancements statement indicates the potential to benefit society or advance desired societal outcomes
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