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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

### introduction

For some reviewers this may only be that part of your narrative that will be read in detail; the remainder may be skimmed. Try to strike the right balance between too much technical jargon and a clear explanation of the different facets of your science. State your career goals, highlight your major contributions to date, and present a clear vision of where you're heading in the near future.

### research trajectory

Tell the reader what it is that you do, why you're excited about the science, and why it's an interesting (valuable) line of inquiry. What are the principle scientific questions that drive your research interests? What is your vision for your future research? Mention the number of publications since joining the faculty at your institution, as well as the number and total amount of grant awards since joining the faculty. When highlighting your research productivity explain co-authored publications, especially when you take secondary authorship to one of your students.

### teaching

Describe your philosophy regarding the teaching and training of the next generation of scientists and, if appropriate non-scientists (for example, general education students or future K-12 teachers). Prepare a table that summarizes your teaching activity semester by semester (including course number, course title, number of students, and course evaluation information); acknowledge if the course is co-taught.

### service

Prepare a table that summarizes your service contributions to the department, college & or university, and profession (including leadership roles and dates of service). Describe how your service contributions support the mission of your department and of your institution.