Your Scientific Niche

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| Career Topic | Your Answer | Where you’ll use this on your CDA application |
| Career goal |  | Biosketch personal statement  Beginning and end of Candidate Background  Beginning of Career Goals  Beg. and end of Career Dev. Plan  Plans and Statements of Mentor  End of Research Strategy  Summary |
| Your ‘niche’  **(\* Jump to table below, then fill your answer in here)** |  | Same as above |
| My research project (summarize it here) |  |  |
| What skills I will learn by conducting my research project |  | End of Candidate Background  Career goals (short term goals)  Career Dev Plan – introduction |
| What the successful completion of my research project will add to the field |  | Specific Aims page  End of Significance  Innovation  Approach - the general introduction, and introduction to each Aim  Career goals (short term goals) |
| New skills/training/knowledge I need to complete the research project |  | Career goals (short term)  Career Dev Plan |
| New skills/training/knowledge I need to embark upon a career in my niche |  | Career goals (short term)  Career Dev Plan |
| 3-5 ‘Core Competencies’ that I’ll use as the organizing structure for my Career Dev. Plan – based on previous 2 boxes |  | Career Dev Plan  Summary |
| What my R01 application will be about |  | End of Candidate Background  Career Goals (long term)  End of Career Dev Plan  End of Research Strategy |

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| **How will I differentiate myself from my mentor?** | |
| My mentor(s) does this >> |  |
| I want to do this for my career (my ‘niche’)>>  You should be pursuing questions that you mentor will not be asking, or be working in an area that your mentor does not work in. Those questions or that area are what you are trying to articulate here. |  |
| To do this, I need to have additional mentors/advisors with these types of expertise >> |  |