Candidate Background – one possible outline

Approximately 1 page

1. Current position, longer term career goals that will be continued by this award, general area of research interest. Hook (something unique about you).

2. Research experience #1 – undergrad/ med school

    - Where, with whom, question pursued, what YOU did, results (manuscript, abstract, presentation), anything additional (e.g., what you took away from this experience, or where this experience lead you)

3. Research experience #2 - residency

    - Where, with whom, question pursued, what YOU did, results (manuscript, abstract, presentation), anything additional

4. Research experience #3 - summer

    - Where, with whom, question pursued, what YOU did, results (manuscript, abstract, presentation), anything additional

5. Research experience #4 - fellowship

    - Where, with whom, question pursued, what YOU did, results (manuscript, abstract, presentation), anything additional

6. Other formal training

7. Summary of how all of this builds to current career goal (i.e., summary of your current expertise), but how your skills are still lacking (i.e., summary of the skills you still need to develop). If it will not be clear how gaining these skills will differentiate you from your mentor, describe this briefly (and again in the Training Plan section).

8. You might conclude by saying that by solving the problem your grant will solve will allow you to better predict/prevent/diagnose/treat/cure the patients you care for.