

# NIH Biosketch Personal Statement Outline/Contents



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Write in the first person. Length about 1/3 to 1/2 page.

Suggested points to address:

- Brief (1-3) sentence outline of the proposed work.
- Your scientific experience highlighting specific skills, training, or grants that are applicable to your leadership or participation in this project. How does your formal education, training and experience contribute to the feasibility of the project?
- How is your expertise complementary to the expertise of the other members of the team? How does your role integrate into the team structure?
- Your background in directing, coordinating, and supervising this type of study, and how this makes you well-qualified to lead the proposed work. Give specific examples of the studies you have previously coordinated, highlighting specific experience applicable to this work demonstrating why you are highly qualified for your role. (For example, if you will be responsible for managing recruitment of subjects in the proposed study, describe how you have been successful in this role in other clinical trials.)
- State what role, if any, you had in generating the preliminary data in the proposal.
- If you have co-published with the PI or any other members of the team, highlight this. It is evidence of an existing, productive collaboration.
- Without being defensive, make statements that address any objections you think reviewers might have related to the Investigator review criterion.
- End with a summary (one sentence) that generalizes why your experience has prepared you for this project.

## Here is another outline – might work well for Ks

*Rachel forgets the source – apologies!!*

1. General area of research and how it meets NIH mission
2. Long term career goal
3. Goal of this application
4. Qualifications from prior work – can do separate sections for each career stage
  - a. Research question asked
  - b. How you answered them (can include any technical expertise)
  - c. What was the outcome / what the work contributed to the field
  - d. Did you have valuable collaboration/mentoring; what did you learn from them
5. What brought you to work with this mentor
6. What have you done with them so far
7. How you are taking mentors work in a new direction