CAREER Summary Page Guide

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Overview** (The overview includes a description of the activity that would result if the proposal were funded and a statement of objectives and methods to be employed.)

* The research goal of “CAREER: Project Title” is…
* This goal fits with the PI’s long-term research goals by…
* What is the knowledge gap?
* What are the overall objectives, specific objectives and the proposed research approach?
* What is the research goal and how does it fit with the PI’s long-term research goals?
* How is your proposal creative & original?
* What is the education goal of the proposed project and how does this goal fit with the PI’s long-term educational goals?
* What is the educational approach?
* How are the research and education components integrated?

**Intellectual Merit** (The statement on intellectual merit should describe the potential of the proposed activity to advance knowledge.)

* What is the current state of knowledge in the field, and where is it headed?
* What will your research add to the state of knowledge in the field?
* Why will your contribution be informative?
* What will your research do to enhance or enable other research in this field?

**Broader Impacts** (The statement on broader impacts should describe the potential of the proposed activity to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes.)

* What is the benefit to society at large from your research?
* What are the possible applications of your research, why would the general public care?
  + Economic, environmental, social benefits?
  + Involvement of underrepresented groups in research and education activities?
* How will your CAREER proposal benefit Florida State University?

Other Considerations

* Project Summary can be no longer than one (1) page
* You must follow the above overview, intellectual merit, broader impacts format
* This is your opportunity to “sell” the reviewer on your proposal. If you don’t convince them that the project is worth considering in the project summary it’s unlikely that the project description will change their mind.
* The Project Summary should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields, and, insofar as possible, understandable to a broad audience within the scientific domain. It should not be an abstract of the proposal.