

Diversity Statement Evaluation Rubric

This rubric lists potential areas of scholarly contribution and/or commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). A strong diversity statement need not include contributions in every area, but must demonstrate a substantive commitment to DEI in one or more of these areas. Please use the comment column for feedback on strengths in each area and any suggestions for improvement.

Scholarly Contribution/ Commitment Area	Criteria	Comments
<p>Understanding of DEI in Higher Education</p>	<p>Potential to contribute to DEI in higher education through understanding of barriers facing women, domestic racial/ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, and other members of groups underrepresented in higher education careers, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathy/understanding through lived experiences and educational background • Participation in a higher education pipeline program • Significant academic achievement in the face of barriers to higher education (economic, social, educational disadvantage) • Commitment to allyhood through learning about structural inequities demonstrated by extensive reading or focused coursework, connection to university DEI initiatives, participation in professional development programs, etc. • Other 	
<p>Research</p>	<p>Current or planned research relevant to diversity, equity and inclusion, which might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research focuses on underserved populations or inequalities • Research addresses issues relevant to DEI, such as race, gender, diversity, ability, sexuality, inclusion, health disparities, educational access, political engagement, economic justice, social mobility, civil and human rights, etc. • Research contributes to understanding of DEI issues faced by students and instructors in teaching and learning • Other 	

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Teaching and Mentoring	<p>Commitment to teaching and mentoring students from broadly diverse demographic and social backgrounds, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A record of leadership in teaching/mentoring historically underrepresented groups • Development of curricula and teaching strategies designed to enhance inclusion • Engagement in training designed to enhance intercultural or intergroup competencies and skills • Other 	
Collaboration and Leadership	<p>Potential for collaboration and leadership in department or institutional efforts to enhance DEI, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement or leadership in committees, task force groups, professional societies and organizations, etc. related to DEI • Other 	
Service, engagement, and/or outreach	<p>Commitment to service, engagement, and/or outreach efforts to enhance DEI, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A record of community engagement or outreach activities relevant to advancing equity and access (volunteer activities, advising, consultation, etc.). • Other 	

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