

Broader Impacts – Personal Statements & Research Plan Statements

NSF-GRFP Summer Application Prep Series

	You (Personal Statement)	Your Work (Research Plan)
Broader Impacts	<p>This is your opportunity to illustrate how you've stepped outside of your studies/research and impacted a larger community.</p> <p>'Community' can be however you define it, such as a student organization, high school or college campus, volunteer experience, professional organization, etc. Do you identify with these communities?</p> <p>Describe your experiences from your background and personal narrative where you have left a positive impression on a community or an organization. What was that impression? What was your positive impact?</p> <p>Discuss how you've been involved with (or led) outreach efforts, including building a broadening participation in your communities.</p> <p>Take the opportunity to talk about your leadership experience. Be sure to mention any experience you have in communicating science.</p>	<p>This is your opportunity to illustrate how your research will be of value and importance to communities and society.</p> <p>When considering the 'community' and society, think about the environments, demographics, organizations, and neighborhoods that are relevant to your research and its results.</p> <p>Relating to your proposed research project, ask the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is my research problem relevant to society and improving society in some way?• What problem will my research and its results solve and for whom?• With whom will you share your results? Why will this be of value to them?• Are any communities involved with or impacted by your research? Describe the value and importance of this work to them.• How will you share the results of your research outside of academic journals and presentations?• Will your research and results impact interdisciplinary efforts?