



Community for Advancing Discovery Research in Education

CADRE Postdoc Professional Growth Opportunity

Personal Statement Guidelines

Each applicant must submit a personal statement. This is your opportunity to help reviewers better understand your academic and career objectives, research interests, and your potential to contribute to the field of STEM education research.

In your personal statement, please address the following:

- Your career pathway that led you to your current position and your short-term and long-term professional goals;
- Your research interests and their connection to your academic and professional goals;
- How your professional goals and research interests contribute to broadening participation in STEM education;
- Your reasons for applying, what you hope to get out of the PI meeting, and how this opportunity can contribute to your professional goals; and
- What contribution you can make to the DRK-12 community (mentoring a CADRE Fellow, writing a blog based a PI meeting session or theme, or contributing to the development of an early career resource).

The statement should be 2-3 pages in length. Single spaced. Please use a standard font and font size for ease of reading, and include your name at the top of each page. Word or PDF format preferred.

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

The letter of recommendation should come from the nominating PI, co-PI, or a supervisor who has worked closely with the applicant and can speak to the quality of their work and their potential in the field of STEM education research.

In your letter of recommendation, please address the following:

- How long you have known the applicant and in what context;
- Evidence of leadership and academic and professional success, including examples of the applicant's work that are particularly noteworthy;
- The applicant's desire and capacity to contribute to broadening participation in STEM education and advance the field in meaningful ways; and
- How the applicant could benefit from different aspects of the PI meeting (e.g., learning about NSF proposal development and career pathways, networking with other early career researchers, and connecting with the DRK-12 community).

The letter should be 1-2 pages in length. Single spaced. Please use a standard font and font size for ease of reading. Word or PDF format preferred.