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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] - Synergistic activities on biosketches 19-1

FYI – Additional guidance from NSF policy office on biosketch synergistic activities.

Thanks,

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Good morning Marie,

Thank you for contacting the NSF Policy Office.

Per the 18-1 PAPPG [Chapter II.C.2.f.\(d\)](#), each item must be one activity, not one activity with multiple examples. While the clarification was made in the 19-1 PAPPG, the policy has not changed.

Therefore, it is up to senior project personnel to provide the information per the guidance and in accordance with the examples provided in the PAPPG.

In regard to your inquiry, if each journal is listed then each journal listed would be viewed as a separate synergistic activity, which would not be in compliance with the PAPPG. If “peer reviewer for scientific journals” is listed, then that would be in compliance with the PAPPG because it would list one distinct example that demonstrates the broader impact.

We do not have additional examples of unacceptable information for that section of the Biographical Sketch. However, the PAPPG provides examples of listings that are acceptable.

We hope this information is helpful.

Regards,

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Good morning,

I am seeking clarification on the synergistic activities section of the biosketch under 19-1.

One item we often see in this section is service as a peer reviewer for scientific journals. Under the new guidance would each journal count as a separate synergistic activity, or would the activity of serving as a reviewer with the specific journals as examples of that activity be acceptable?

If there are any examples of unacceptable information in this section that you could share it would be very helpful.

Thank you,

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