

Describing a previous research experience

Purpose of this exercise: To show how the skills you gained from your previous research experiences have prepared you to undertake a graduate research project.

Instructions: Select one previous research experience to analyze. Complete each section as best you can!

Project: Funded by:		Name of PI/Mentor:
<p><i>What was the primary research aim or question?</i></p> <p><i>What was the key finding?</i></p> <p><i>If this research relates to your proposed graduate research topic, state how:</i></p>		
<p>Your Role: <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> Team Member</p> <p><i>How long did you work on this project?</i></p> <p><i>If you were a team member, who were your collaborators?</i></p> <p><i>If you were a team member, how did your work relate to the larger research project?</i></p>		
<p>List the specific research skills you gained (e.g., methods, equipment, procedures).</p> <p>Make the connection: <i>How will you apply these skills on future research projects?</i></p>		
<p>List transferable skills you gained (e.g., leadership, communication, team work, problem solving, persistence).</p> <p>Make the connection: <i>How will you apply these skills on future research projects?</i></p>		
Points that help demonstrate Intellectual Merit	<p><i>Why are the findings of this study important to your discipline?</i></p> <p><i>How might these findings inform research in other disciplines?</i></p> <p><i>Where did you publish or present the findings to other researchers?</i></p>	
Points that help demonstrate Broader Impacts	<p><i>How does this line of research address a societal need?</i></p> <p><i>How were individuals from underrepresented groups involved in this research?</i></p> <p><i>Where did you publish and/or present your findings to NON-researchers?</i></p>	