

**CCLCM of CWRU SOM PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**Associate Professor or Professor**

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**Objective**

* Your Personal Statement (PS) **MUST** show:
  + You disseminated your expert knowledge (procedures, lectures, papers, research, teaching, etc.) outside of Cleveland Clinic.
  + You have **brought recognition to CCLCM AND CWRU SOM at the regional and/or national levels in the United States.**
  + CWRU has a primary requirement for faculty appointments – a **U.S. reputation.**
    - To establish this reputation, define your niche.
      * What are you known for?
      * Clearly explain this in your PS.

**General Instructions**

* You must **CLEARLY DELINEATE** your Areas of Excellence: Professional Service, Education/Teaching, and Research, and give specific facts on how you have achieved the required U.S. reputation.
  + ***International candidates*** must have a minimum of one letter received from an external U.S.-based referee (who you have not worked with or published in the last 5 few years) who supports your application. Their support will prove you have at least a modest U.S. reputation.
* Use the template starting on page 2.
* Should be understandable by any professional. Avoid using abbreviations, acronyms or field jargon.
* Maximum Length: 3 pages
* Footer: Enter your [First, Middle, Last Name, Credentials, and page number]
* Section Description Requirements:
  + Type in Paragraph Format
  + Use Black font color.
  + **NO** bullets/tabs.
* Does **NOT** need to be on letterhead or signed.
* **Before Uploading/Submitting:** 
  + Review Your Personal Statement
    - Do **NOT** delete **Black Section Headers**.
    - Delete **ALL** instructions in blue including this page.
    - Only upload your finished template.

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**February 6, 2025**

**Background and Current Information**

* Describe the following:
  + Education and training institutions and locations.
  + Current and past staff titles, institutions, and locations.
* Do include – Start/End Dates: MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY.
* Do **NOT** include – Faculty information (this will be in the next section).

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**Academic Appointments Information**

* Describe the following:
  + Current and past academic appointments, institutions, and locations.
  + Academic appointments can be Faculty and Staff positions combined with ONLY one title (example: Associate Professor at a university medical center) or a Faculty position.
* Include:
  + Start/End Dates: MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY
  + Primary Area of Excellence you are pursuing and the required reputation.
  + Explain if there are unique circumstances regarding your application for appointment or promotion.
* Do **NOT** include – Professional Appointments that you were financially compensated for.
* Space is limited. There’s no need to include your reason for pursuing medicine or science.

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**Personal Motivations**

* Describe in one *short paragraph* your unique skills and qualities that you have cultivated thus far.

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**My Primary Area of Excellence – Professional Service, Education/Teaching, or Research**

**[****Choose ONE; Delete the other two in this header.]**

* A Primary Area of Excellence (PAE) is required, and it is what supports your reputation.
* Your focus should be on your impact with your specialty outside Cleveland Clinic.
* When discussing your Cleveland Clinic achievements, you **MUST** include how you have taken these accomplishments outside – this is what proves you have a U.S.-based reputation!
* Describe the following about your **Primary Area of Excellence**:
  + Evidence that proves you have reached the required U.S. reputation.
  + Specific achievements from your CV that prove your U.S. reputation.
    - No need to list the Start/End Dates as they are in your CV.
* NOTE: ALL items discussed on your PS should also be listed on your CV.
* **Promotion**:
  + **ONLY** include achievements **AFTER** your last CCLCM faculty appointment or promotion as only these will be considered.
  + Your **PAST** achievements will use up a lot of space and will **NOT** count towards your promotion!
* **New Appointment**:
  + ONLY include achievements **AFTER** your post-grad training.

My Primary Area of Excellence is…

**My Secondary Area of Excellence –** **Professional Service, Education/Teaching, or Research**

**[Choose ONE**; ***CANNOT be the one you selected for your Primary Area of Excellence. Delete the other two in this header.]***

* A Secondary Area of Excellence (SAE) is required in which you have acceptable contributions!
* When describing your other contributions, it must focus on how you have taken these accomplishments outside of Cleveland Clinic which aids in achieving your U.S.-based reputation.
* Describe the following about your **Secondary Area of Excellence**:
  + Evidence of acceptable contributions you have achieved.
* **Promotion**:
  + **ONLY** include achievements **AFTER** your last CCLCM faculty appointment or promotion as only these will be considered.
  + Your prior achievements will not be considered in the promotion. Use your space wisely.
* **New Appointment**:
  + **ONLY** include achievements **AFTER** your post-grad training.

My Secondary Area of Excellence is…

**My Final Area of Excellence – Professional Service, Education/Teaching, or Research**

**[Choose ONE; *CANNOT be the ones you selected for your PAE OR SAE. Delete the other two in this header.]***

* When describing your final area of contributions, it must focus on how you have taken your accomplishments outside of Cleveland Clinic which aids in achieving an outside reputation.
* Describe your impact and achievements in your **Final Area of Excellence**.

My Final Area of Excellence is…

**Future Goals**

* Describe in a short paragraph the following:
  + Your future goals to gain more outside recognition and impact on your subspeciality outside of Cleveland Clinic.
  + Future goals with CCLCM and CWRU SOM.

My future goals are…

**Summary of Rank and Required Reputation**

* Summarize the following:
  + The CCLCM of CWRU SOM faculty rank you are applying for.
  + How you have achieved the required reputation in your Primary Area of Excellence.
  + How you have acceptable contributions in your Secondary Area of Excellence.
* Thank the committee for reviewing your application.

To summarize my achievements…

**REMINDER:**

* Verify that the guidance in the “Objective” and “General Instructions” have been followed.
* Remove this “**REMINDER**” section prior to uploading/submitting.