4.1.1 Introduction  
Revised: 04/01/07; 07/20/17; 5/15/20, 8/15/21

A biographical statement can include a narrative description of the candidate’s educational background, brief summaries of their teaching, research, and service efforts, and effort assignments (e.g., 40% teaching, 40% research, 20% service). This statement is to be no longer than 750 words. List candidate’s name and current appointment (including joint and Discovery Theme appointments as appropriate), degrees and professional positions held, with dates for each. A CV should not be appended.

4.1.2 Core dossier  
Revised: 04/01/07

4.1.2.1 Instructions for the candidate  
Revised: 04/01/12; 8/15/22

Number pages consecutively within the Core Dossier (Section II). The first page will be the first item in the Core Dossier Outline.

In Section III, place the required materials in sequence following the outline, but do not paginate.

Include every item in the Core Dossier Outline in the dossier. If a particular item is not applicable, or there is nothing to report, write “none” for the item. Do not omit the item.

If a candidate is unsure about the content needed for a particular item, they should consult their TIU head or chair of the committee of the eligible faculty for assistance.

Present accomplishments as succinctly as possible and in outline form to the extent possible. Some explanation is valuable, but lengthy narrative and explanation may obscure important accomplishments rather than highlight them. In general, narrative sections should be no longer than 750 words except where noted. Accomplishments may only be listed once in the dossier. Candidates should consult their chair of the committee of the eligible faculty with any questions about where specific accomplishments should be included.

Avoid self-evaluation except when it is requested. Others can most appropriately offer assessment of the quality and importance of the candidate’s accomplishments.

Section IV.A. should contain only summary tables of SEI (Student Evaluation of Instruction) data or the evaluation data approved by the candidate’s college. The SEI Overview Report should be placed in Section IV.B.

4.1.2.1.1 Instructions for the candidate—OAA Approved Electronic Dossier  
Revised: 06/27/2017; 06/26/18; 6/18/19; 5/15/20, 8/15/21

Tenure-track, clinical/teaching/practice, and research faculty members undergoing promotion or promotion and tenure review or reappointment are expected to use the OAA approved electronic dossier to generate their core dossier. Fourth year reviews, mandatory reviews, or reviews for promotion may use either VITA or a Word document that exactly matches the VITA format.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to use VITA.
4.1.2.2 Time frame
Revised: 07/14/17; 06/26/18; 06/18/19, 8/15/21; 8/15/22

For the teaching and service sections of the core dossier, use the start date for probationary faculty, or date of last promotion or the last five years, whichever is most recent, for tenured/non-probationary faculty. The eligible faculty may allow a candidate to include information from before the start date or last promotion if it believes such information would be relevant to the review. Where included, the candidate should clearly indicate what material is work completed since the start date or mandatory review, and what material is from prior to the start date or mandatory review.

For research/scholarship/discovery, use a full history of publications and creative work as this information provides context to the more recent and relevant research and creative activity record and/or demonstrates scholarly independence.

For teaching, research and creative activity, and service, although information about activity in these areas conducted prior to the start date or last promotion may be included, As with teaching and service, information about scholarship produced prior to the date of hire or date of last promotion may be provided. However, it is the performance since the start date or date of last promotion that is to be the focus of the evaluating parties.

4.1.2.3 Organization
Revised: 02/15/12

Organize all material in the Core Dossier in reverse chronological order.

4.1.2.4 Core dossier outline
Revised: 05/06/16; 07/15/17; 06/26/18; 6/18/19; 5/15/20, 8/15/21; 8/15/22

Teaching (see section 4.1.2.2 for timeframe of information to be included)

1) Undergraduate, graduate, and professional courses taught

In the Core Dossier, list each course taught and all clinical instruction, including the information noted below.

- courses taught by quarter (AU, WI, SP, SU), semester (AU, SP), summer session or term, and year
- course number, title, and number of credit hours
- official final course enrollment
- percentage of course taught by candidate based on proportion of total student contact hours in course
  - brief explanation (less than 250 words) of candidate’s role, if candidate was not solely responsible for course, including GTA supervision, course management, and team teaching
- indicate whether formal course evaluations were completed by students and/or faculty peers by placing a check mark in the appropriate column

If the candidate has not obtained student evaluations in every regular classroom course, explain why this was not done. Such evaluation is required by Faculty Rule 3335-3-35(C)(14).
2) Involvement in graduate/professional exams, theses, and dissertations and undergraduate research for entire career at Ohio State

a) Graduate students—list completed and current and include:

   i) doctoral students (dissertation advisor): for advisees who have graduated, list name of student, year of graduation, and title of dissertation; also provide the current position of the former student, if known;

   ii) doctoral students (dissertation committee member): do not include service as a Graduate School representative (this should be listed in Service 6e);

   iii) doctoral students (candidacy examination committee chair);

   iv) doctoral students (candidacy examination committee member): do not include service as a Graduate School representative (this should be listed in Service 6e);

   v) master’s students plan A (thesis advisor): for advisees who have graduated, list name of student, year of graduation, and title of thesis; also provide the current position of the former student, if known;

   vi) master’s students plan B (advisor): for advisees who have graduated, list name of student, year of graduation, and provide the current position of the former student, if known;

   vii) master’s students (thesis committee member);

   viii) master’s students (examination committee member).

   ix) residency candidates (who are not included above with other graduate students)

   x) clinical interns (who are not included above with other graduate students)

b) Describe any noteworthy accomplishments of graduate students for whom the candidate has been the advisor of record, for example, publications during or emanating from graduate program, awards for graduate work, prestigious post-docs, or first post-graduate positions. In this section only, candidates may have duplication; if they have co-authored work with a graduate student, they can list the citation in this section and in the research section.

c) Undergraduate research mentoring: for each student mentored, give name of student, title of thesis or project, quarter or semester of graduation, and noteworthy outcomes of this mentorship such as publications, presentations, honors or student awards.

d) Describe any noteworthy accomplishments of undergraduate students, in particular related to research, for whom the candidate has been the advisor of record (publications, posters, honors or student awards).

3) Involvement with postdoctoral scholars and researchers throughout career at Ohio State

List completed and current postdoctoral scholars and/or researchers under the candidate’s supervision.

4) Extension, continuing education instruction (including DITL and STEP Mentoring [unless STEP Mentoring is listed under service]), and guest lectures. Summarize briefly the major instructional activities (workshops, non-credit courses) that the candidate has conducted. Identify the candidate’s role in the instruction and the number of participants.
5) Curriculum development since start date at Ohio State if this is first review, regardless of rank. If this is a review for professor (career at Ohio State) list the items for the previous five years or since promotion, whichever time period is shorter.

Give specific examples of the candidate’s involvement in curriculum development (role in the design and implementation of new or revised courses); development of new teaching methods or materials (undergraduate, graduate, or professional); creation of new programs. This section may also include examples of teaching methods or materials adopted beyond Ohio State, presentations on pedagogy and teaching at national and international conferences. Do not include information on presentations on pedagogy and teaching if this information is provided in the Research and Creative Activity section.

If Extension is a specified area of expectation for the candidate, include a description of the overall Extension program (curricular) goals, a brief description of the scope and sequence of instructional activities as they relate to the program (curricular) goals, the target audience(s), the candidate’s role in the curriculum/program development, the role of others engaged in that curricular program, and a brief description of the impact of the curriculum.

6) Briefly describe the candidate’s approach to and goals in teaching and student mentoring, major accomplishments (including positive impact of teaching and mentoring on students), plans for the future in teaching and student mentoring (approximately no longer than 750 words; do not quote student comments, which should be summarized by someone other than the candidate in Section IV.C.).

7) Evaluation of teaching

Briefly describe how the candidate has used evaluation information (e.g., student evaluations of instruction, peer evaluations of teaching, other feedback) to improve the quality of instruction teaching and student mentoring (no more than 250 words). Candidates are not to summarize SEI data in this section, as it is provided in Sections IV.A. and IV.B.

8) Awards and formal recognition for teaching and mentoring

List awards the candidate has received for excellence in teaching and/or mentoring. Nominations for such awards should not be listed. This list may include citations from academic or professional units (department/school, college, university, professional associations) that have formal procedures and stated criteria for awards for outstanding teaching and/or mentoring performance.

9) Other academic advising or mentoring

Briefly describe academic advising of students not included in section 2 under teaching or section 7 under service. Examples might include advising or mentoring of undergraduate majors or of graduate students who are in course work.

10) Completion of teaching development programs

List continuing education programs related to teaching (see timeframe in section 4.1.2.2 above). Include teaching endorsements, course design institutes, FIT mentoring, or workshops offered by the Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning as well as other teaching development programs. Include the following:

- Name of the program or workshop
- Date completed
• Description of training
• Impact of training

Research and Creative Activity

Although all scholarly/creative works can be listed, clearly denote outcomes since appointment or last promotion at Ohio State.

1) List of books, articles, and other published papers.

Only papers and other scholarly works that have been formally accepted without qualification for publication or presentation, or have actually been published or presented, should be listed in Items 1a–1g below. Publication refers to both print and digital formats.

Works under review must be listed separately in Item 1k below.

Works being drafted and not yet submitted may be discussed in the narrative section in Section 3 below.

Use the standard citation style for the candidate’s discipline with authors listed exactly as they are listed on the publication. Candidates must list themselves even if they are the only author.

In cases of multiple authorship for Items 1a–1e, a narrative description (approximately 50 words) of the candidate’s intellectual contribution and percentage of contribution are required. Examples of appropriate formats for this information include:

- I designed the experiment (which was carried out by the graduate student co-authors) and wrote the article (75% contribution).
- I identified the patients for the study, administered the drug regimen, reported results to the consortium, and reviewed the draft manuscript (25% contribution).
- I completed and wrote the literature review for the paper, shared equally with the co-author in the analysis and interpretation of the data, and reviewed the complete draft manuscript (50% contribution).

Statements such as the following are not acceptable: “All authors contributed equally” or “50% effort.” Do not refer to past dossiers for models of how to write the required description, because requirements have changed.

For Items 1f–1j below: the above information is not needed unless the unit requires it.

Include as separate categories:

1a) Books (other than edited volumes) and monographs
1b) Edited books
1c) Chapters in edited books
1d) Bulletins and technical reports
1e) Peer-reviewed journal articles

1f) Editor-reviewed journal articles

1g) Reviews (indicate whether peer reviewed)

1h) Abstracts and short entries (indicate whether peer reviewed)

1i) Papers in proceedings (indicate whether peer reviewed)

1j) Unpublished scholarly presentations (indicate whether peer reviewed)

1k) Potential publications under review (indicate authorship, date of submission, and to what journal or publisher the work has been submitted)

2) List of creative works pertinent to the candidate’s professional focus. (If the candidate has no creative works to list, write “None” for Section 2. Do not list each individual item below.)

2a) Artwork

2b) Choreography

2c) Collections

2d) Compositions

2e) Curated exhibits

2f) Exhibited artwork

2g) Inventions and patents, including disclosures, options, and commercial licenses

2h) Moving images

2i) Multimedia/databases/websites

2j) Radio and television

2k) Recitals and performances

2l) Recordings

2m) Other creative works

3) Brief description of the focus of the candidate’s research or creative work, major accomplishments, and plans for the future, including works in progress.

This section can include a description of work that has not yet been submitted for publication, and should be approximately no longer than 750 words. Although future plans may be included, works should be items that are in final edits/process. This section can also include a brief description of any trainings completed by the candidate to prepare for the submission of research funding.
4) Description of quality indicators of the candidate’s research, scholarly, or creative work such as citations; publication outlet quality indicators such as acceptance rates, ranking, or impact factors of journal or publisher; or other indicators of the impact of the candidate’s work. Individual units should determine what kinds of information could be described here. Although VITA provides citation and impact factor tables, if these are not relevant metrics for the unit, they may be deleted.

5) Research funding

In cases of multiple authorship for funded and proposed grants noted below, a narrative description (of the type described above for Item 1, approximately 50 words) of the candidate’s intellectual contribution is required. List the author or authors in the order in which they appear on the grant proposal.

The candidate may provide the approximate percentage of their contribution in relation to the total intellectual effort involved in the grant proposal if the unit or college requires this information.

5a) Funded research, including contracts and clinical trials, on which the candidate is or has been the principal investigator (i.e., lead investigator)

- period of funding
- source and amount of funding
- amount of funding allocated to the candidate
- whether funding is or was in the form of a contract or grant
  - if a multiple author submission, candidate’s intellectual contribution and percentage effort as required by the unit

5b) Funded research, including contracts and clinical trials, on which the candidate is or has been a co-investigator (i.e., not the lead investigator—includes co-principal investigator, co-investigator, collaborator, evaluator, etc.)

- period of funding
- source and amount of funding
- amount of funding allocated to the candidate
- whether funding is or was in the form of a contract or grant
- candidate’s role

5c) Proposals for research funding that are pending or were submitted but not funded

- date of submission
- title of project
- authors in the order listed on the proposal
- agency to which proposal was submitted
- priority score received by proposal, if applicable
- candidate’s role

5d) Funded training grants on which the candidate is or has been the equivalent of the principal investigator

- date of submission
• title of project
• authors in the order listed on the proposal
• agency to which proposal was submitted
• priority score received by proposal, if applicable

5e) Proposals for training grants that are pending or were submitted but not funded

• date of submission
• title of project
• authors in the order listed on the proposal
• agency to which proposal was submitted
• priority score received by proposal, if applicable

5f) Any other funding received for the candidate’s academic work. Provide the type of information requested below as appropriate.

• date of submission
• title of project
• authors in the order listed on the proposal
• agency to which proposal was submitted
• priority score received by proposal, if applicable
• candidate’s role

6) List of prizes and awards for research or creative activity. Nominations for such awards should not be listed.

Service and Engagement

1) List of editorships or service as an editorial reviewer or board member for journals, university presses, or other learned publications.

2) List of offices held and other service to professional societies and impact of service. List the organization in which office was held or service performed. Describe the nature of the organization (open or elected membership, honorary) and candidate’s responsibilities.

3) List of consultation activity (industry, education, government). Give the time period in which consultation was provided, candidate’s responsibilities, and other information as appropriate.

4) Clinical services. State specific clinical assignments.

5) Other professional/public community service or engagement directly related to the candidate’s professional expertise, if not listed elsewhere. Community service not germane to a faculty member’s professional expertise is not relevant to P&T reviews.

6) Administrative service. Give dates and description of responsibility.

6a) Unit committees

6b) College or university committees
6c) Initiatives undertaken to enhance diversity in the candidate’s unit, college, or the university

6d) Administrative positions held (e.g., graduate studies chair)

6e) Faculty peer mentoring

6f) Service as a graduate faculty representative on a dissertation in another unit or university

7) Advisor to student groups and organizations

List the group or organization and specific responsibilities as advisor.

8) Office of Student Life committees

8a) List Office of Student Life committees on which the candidate has served.

8b) Summarize participation in Student Life programs such as fireside discussions, lectures to student groups outside the candidate’s unit, addresses or participation at student orientation, and the Second-Year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) (unless listed under teaching).

9) List of prizes and awards for service to the profession, the university, or the unit. Nominations for such awards should not be listed.

10) Brief elaboration that provides additional information about service activities listed above.

This section can include a description of the candidate’s service goals as well as the impact of the candidate’s service and engagement to their profession, the community, and the university (and should be approximately no longer than 750 words).