

Personal Statement: Suggestions for Candidates (Clinical Educator Pathway)

A “personal statement” is requested by the Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure as part of each candidate’s nomination packet. This aspect of the application is left entirely up to the candidate. Several candidates have asked for guidance in preparing their statements and it is in this light that we offer the following suggestions for candidates to consider.

Most commonly the personal statement is approximately one to one and one half pages in length. Successful candidates typically focus on their “personal” experience as an educator at USUHS, especially when nominated in the “Clinical Educator-Pathway”. Successful candidates typically discuss their past, present and future plans for teaching USUHS medical students and/or surgical residents in the GME programs affiliated with USUHS. In addition to presenting their “personal” perspective with regards to the Scholarship of Teaching, candidates sometimes present personally important experiences in the Scholarship of Application, Institutional Citizenship of the Scholarship of Discovery or Integration. Additional guidance on this can be found at:

<http://www.usuhs.mil/hanbook/enclosure3c.htm#attach1>

We suggest applicants avoid “re-hashing” their academic accomplishments and also avoid “making their case” for why they deserve to be promoted as these are typically well-covered in the candidate’s curriculum vitae, Chairperson’s letter and the letters of recommendation.