Research Equity Fellowship Application Tips

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Each application is unique and should be tailored to an individual applicant's field of research, career stage and opportunities to date. However, there are common elements indicative of a strong application.

• Equity fellowships are aimed at "transformation". Make a clear case about how the fellowship will help transform your research trajectory (and career) in the longer-term. How will it set you on a path to 'bigger' and 'better' opportunities?

• Build on existing projects and strengths; making a clear case as to how you will use the fellowship to strengthen a coherent program of research, rather than working on multiple smaller projects.

• Give a lot of thought to getting the balance right between showing what you have already managed to achieve (despite perceived obstacles in the past) and what you aspire to achieve, given the opportunity to do so.

• Explain why/how now is an opportune time for you to utilize the full potential offered by an equity fellowship.

• Clearly articulate specific research goals that are intelligible to non-experts in the field, but are clearly linked to each other and relevant to you personally.

• Make explicit connections between your fellowship goal(s) and what is expected for the next promotion level and your future goals e.g. Select one aspect of your CV that particularly needs a boost to help you meet promotion criteria.

• In each section, make it clear how the Fellowship will help you achieve goals that would be very difficult to achieve otherwise or via a different means (eg. study leave).