

Section V – PROJECT NARRATIVE

On the following (up to) five pages, **using the above header and page numbering**, provide a narrative description of the project you intend to carry out. It is critical that this portion of the application be written in a manner so that someone outside your field will be able to understand the importance, approach, and follow-on funding plan of the project. TYPE THE NARRATIVE IN A 12 POINT FONT WITH ONE INCH MARGINS.

Please utilize the following format.

1. **Rationale** for the Project: Describe *Significance* and *Innovation* for an NIH format; *Intellectual Merit* and *Broader Impact* for an NSF format.
2. **Expertise**: Give a brief description of your own work in this area of investigation.
3. **Research Question / Hypothesis**: Statement of the problem to be investigated.
4. **Approach**: Methods of study to be used.
5. **Student Impact Statement**: Describe how the proposed work will train undergraduate and graduate students and equip them with skills to succeed in their field. Information on the history of student training by the PI is valuable.
6. **Follow-on Plan**: Describe the expected deliverables of the proposed work, and describe how the proposed work will position the PI effectively for future external support. Information on potential funding opportunities, agency to be pursued and the estimated direct costs is valuable.
7. **Bibliography** / Literature Citations – do not count as part of the page limitation.

Section VII – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (does not require above header)

1. **Biographical Sketches** (NAU Personnel only): Provide for all PI/PD, co-PIs/co-PDs and senior personnel at NAU (limit: five pages for NIH format; two pages for NSF format). Note that the NIH format includes Ongoing and Completed Support as section D. The biographical sketches should clearly define each individual's role on the current project.
2. **Recent, Current, and Pending Support:** For PI/PD, co-PIs/co-PDs and senior personnel, if using the NSF format. Provide listing of pending support if using the NIH format.
3. **Prior Reviews:** If any part of the proposed internal RBS project was included in or motivated by a prior external proposal, or if any of the planned extramural proposals described in Section VI are resubmissions, provide a copy of the previous reviews/summary statement.