DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN NSF BROADER IMPACTS: A GRANT REVIEWER AND WRITER PERSPECTIVE



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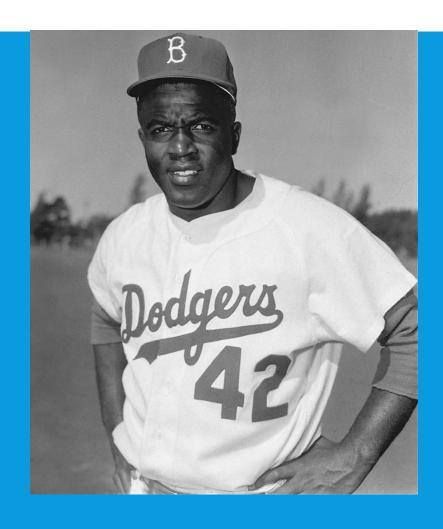
WHY DEI IN BROADER IMPACTS?

Improves the diversity of those who engage in STEM.

Helps bring new ideas and perspectives to our fields.

Can result in new ways of conducting research.

WHY DIVERSIFY PARTICIPATION IN OCEAN SCIENCE?





DEI: A REVIEWER'S PERSPECTIVE

 Are the DEI components of a broader impact section well resourced and supported?

Budget \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Are collaborations well established or haphazardly organized?

Do the DEI leads have experience with DEI activities?

Are the broader impacts outsourced???

DEI: A REVIEWER'S PERSPECTIVE

- Allocate reasonable funding so that DEI efforts are well supported.
- Include collaborators who have a history of working on DEI. Don't include someone simply because they are at an MSI.
- Include active strategies for your DEI work. Don't assume being at an MSI or being affiliated with someone from an MSI will automatically strengthen your DEI work.
- Make DEI staff/collaborators an integrated part of the research team.
- Your Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts should be transformative.



Advancing Research Impacts in Society



SACNAS Conversations with Scientists

"I'm not an educator, I'm a researcher".

 Developing effective broader impacts that include DEI requires re-visiting our personal definitions of an ocean scientist.



Josh Kohut, Rutgers University

- The CSU is the largest university system in the U.S.
- A significant number of campuses are full MSI's (Minority Serving Institutions) or HSI's (Hispanic Serving Institutions).
- CSU is in a unique position to serve and learn from students that are historically underrepresented in ocean science.
- The larger mission of the CSU directly serves and rewards the goals of DEI activities as carried out in broader impact work.





- As researchers at a CSU campus leverage those components that make us unique relative to other university systems.
- Long history of supporting NSF programs that engage URM populations in meaningful ways.
- CSULA Center for Environmental Analysis (CEA-CREST, 2000-2010)

 A substantial knowledge base of how to merge research with substantial DEI activities.



Carlos Robles, CSULA, CEA-CREST Director







- As CSU faculty we are encouraged to integrate research into our teaching.
- What are ways you can integrate research into your teaching activities? (NSF-IUSE, NSF-GEOPAths)
- Can you use that integration to facilitate not just student engagement but retention?
- Leverage respective campus teaching and learning centers.

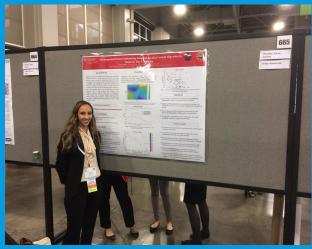


MSCI 350, Quantitative Marine Science



- DEI can focus on more than just race and ethnicity.
- Consider work with additional groups that are underrepresented in ocean science.
- U.S. Veterans.
- Individuals with disabilities.
- LGBTQ groups.
- Consider broader societal impacts.





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Specializes in improving access to geoscience for those with disabilities.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- As CSU researchers we are in a system that provides unique advantages when developing DEI activities.
- When developing DEI activities you need to think of yourself as a researcher and educator; not one or the other.
- Your project's Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts should be transformative.
- Resource your DEI activities with sufficient funding and content experts to make your activities active and impactful.