**A template for writing an effective MSC Statement**

The most significant contributions (MSC) statement is an evidence-based textual account that allows researchers to communicate their achievements to evaluators during assessment decisions. The MSC is a [DORA](https://research.ucalgary.ca/research/our-impact/DORA)-aligned format where researchers can communicate their key achievements to evaluators. This guide aims to assist researchers in identifying and communicating the quality and impact of their scholarly achievements. A well-crafted MSC will position the researcher’s accomplishments in their scholarly context (field of study, research objectives, time demands, and community engagement demands).

## **How to write contributions into a narrative**

In this statement, you should describe your key contributions. In choosing the contributions you want to highlight, consider which ones tell the most memorable and relevant story in terms of role/expertise **to the opportunity you are applying for**. Different audiences will be interested in different perspectives of scholarly achievements. Choose your key outputs, such as peer-reviewed publications (papers & books), data sets, software, conference presentations, patents, government publications, publications in practitioner-focused venues, policy reports, clinical trial results, and open research outputs.

## **Mapping the quality and impact of your contributions**

Please address the following sections **for each one** of your selected contributions.

**Section 1:** Describe the research aim & objective.

What need or gap did your contributions address? Describe the importance and value of your contributions in the context of the impact category your work addresses (scholarly impact/ societal impact/ research culture impact).

**Section 2:** Describe the research or creative process. Describe your research environment and explain how you addressed challenges associated with conducting research in your environment in terms of knowledge, skills, and time commitments.

***Section 2a:*** What was your role in ensuring the work is high quality (e.g., credible, reproducible, ethical, legitimate, innovative/creative):

**Section 2b:** What was your role in ensuring the work has the potential to impact the broader community (Scholarly or Societal)? How have you sought to increase the potential for impact of your research outputs?

**Section 3:** Describe the significance and reach of your contributions **(choose your impact type,** see example impact statements in 3C in the guidelines)**:**

**Scholarly Impact:** Contributions to the generation of new ideas, tools, methodologies, or knowledge.

**Societal Impact:** Impact beyond your field and toward wider societal benefit.

**Research Culture Impact:** Impact on the broader scholarly community beyond your field and toward an improved research and innovation culture/ inclusive research culture.