**PERSONAL STATEMENTS: A TEMPLATE**

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**LEAD-IN**

Hook to provide interest (optional and brief)

**Orient the reader**

“The international community operates with increasing complexity, and nuclear security and monitoring agencies must as well.”

“Civil engineers deal with the design and maintenance of the world’s infrastructure and their hand can be seen in all aspects of the nuclear world.”

“Since childhood, I’ve been a professor of physics in training, asking ‘Why?’ then ‘What if?’ then under what extremes a new and different explanation was needed.”

**GIST OF MESSAGE**

Purpose Statement

“I …” (“am pursuing, seeking, applying for…”)

“because…” Talk about them, so they see this is not generic.

Interest in fellowship  Connect your goals and the fellowship mission.

“My fellowship will enable me to …”

“My career plans involve …”

**KEY POINTS & RELEVANT SUPPORT**

Key Points to Support Your Case

- Your relevant strengths
  Top 3-5 points that would motivate them to select you

- Supporting information that makes those points persuasive
  (Also demonstrate intellectual merit, broader impacts, societal relevance.)

**CLOSE**

Point to future

“My ultimate goal …”

Restate main message

“In brief, …”