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**Please address the following questions in each section of your Statement of Interest:**

1. *Background and Qualifications*
* What is your specific background and experience that would qualify you for the fellowship (e.g. consider coursework, training, professional experience related to the application of research to policy or practice)?
1. *Research Expertise*
* What are your current areas of research, primary questions of interest, and methodologies used to address the questions?
1. *Policy Interests*
* Why are you interested in working on policy and what types of knowledge and skills do you hope to develop through the fellowship?
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* What are your career goals and how would the fellowship and the specific placement experience (i.e. Executive or Congressional) support your career goals? *For Mid-career applicants:* How will the fellowship build on your career experiences to date and provide you a basis to contribute at your placement?

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