Most Common Issues with NIH and NSF Biographical Sketches

NIH:

1. **eRA COMMONS USER NAME** - Ensure accuracy
2. **Hyperlinks** - The use of hyperlinks is typically limited to citing relevant publications in biosketches and publication lists. Hyperlinks and URLs are otherwise only allowed when specifically noted in funding opportunity announcement (FOA) and form field instructions.
3. **Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors** - List in reverse chronological order
4. **Education** – Location must me included
5. **Research support** - Cannot be older than 3 years
6. **Fellowship proposals**- Must include scholastic performance section
7. **Contributions to Science**- Limited to 5 contributions with a max of 4 citations each

NSF:

1. **Synergetic Activities** – Limited to 5 activities
2. **Appointments** - List in reverse chronological order by start date
3. **Products** - A list of:
   (i) up to five products most closely related to the proposed project
   (ii) up to five other significant products, whether related to the proposed project or not.