

OPPORTUNITY FOR INNOVATION/IMPROVEMENT STATEMENT (OIS) GUIDE

Opportunity Statements are the industry standard to identify a problem and pitch a solution. The provided template (text entry fields in the application form) will help you focus your thoughts on what is essential and facilitate the matching process.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Focus on one problem and one BME course per statement. If you would like to address more than one problem, then submit a separate statement for each problem. Please limit your submission to **a max of two statements per course**.
- Be reminded that this is not a channel to provide feedback or evaluation about the instructor of the course or their teaching style. Therefore, please be objective when describing the problem and the suggested solution.
- The OIS template will have the following four parts with a **200 word limit per part**:
 1. *The current problem is....*
 2. *The effect of the current problem on the students is*
 3. *The suggested solution is*
 4. *The effect of the suggested solution on the students is*
- Take your time to draft your OIS parts. You can always close the browser and return to the application form later, using the same link.
- Please stick to the suggested word count in each part of the OIS.

RESOURCES:

- To learn more about Opportunity Statements, please check out:
 - [Leigh Espy's tips](#) on how to write an Opportunity statement (3minute read).
 - [Rick Goldberg's example](#) Opportunity Statement for IBM.
- To see a preview of the application form, please check out the BME LA handbook.

Did you notice how you already learned something new, even before joining the LA program 😊