

Signed candidate's personal statement

Describe personal reflections on why you are seeking an MUSC Clinical Assistant Faculty appointment. The statement may describe past accomplishments, areas of particular strengths, and your future professional plans spanning the next five years. This page of packet must include a signed statement testifying to the honesty and accuracy of the contents of the packet (*see statement, signature and date at bottom of this page*).

I teach students for several reasons.

Teaching helps me learn. Students ask questions that challenge me to keep up with new research findings. Their questions also help me to reexamine my knowledge and attitudes about issues that I thought I had mastered, but perhaps never fully understood. In teaching a student, I clarify and solidify my own understanding of many issues.

Teaching provides me with constant renewal and joy in my own learning, and in the vicarious experience of my students' joy in learning. Watching the growth of a student while on rotation with me is a true joy.

I also teach because it provides me an opportunity to give back to family medicine, and all of medicine. I am thankful for the great teachers that I have had. I teach as a way of thanking my former teachers, and carrying on with this great tradition.

I hope to model a physician who enjoys the practice of family medicine, and to encourage others to follow in my footsteps. Well-trained primary care physicians provide the backbone of this country's health care system. And I hope to contribute to strengthening that backbone.

The contents of this packet represent a true and accurate statement of my activities and accomplishments.

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____