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## NIDCD 2022-2027 Strategic Plan: Idea Generation Template

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) is developing a 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

We are seeking ideas for innovative, forward-thinking, and ambitious goals that you believe are important to advance science and improve the care and well-being of individuals with communication disorders in the mission areas of the institute. We would appreciate your help to identify goals for the Strategic Plan that may be accomplished in the next 5 to 10 years in accordance with the NIDCD's Vision:

**“Advancing the science of communication to improve lives.”**

NIDCD is also seeking research and training ideas related to the following cross-cutting areas:

- [Inclusion of Women in Clinical Research](#)
- [Inclusion of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Clinical Research](#)
- [Reduction of Health Disparities](#)
- [Scientific Workforce Diversity](#)
- [Global Health](#)

**To submit your idea**, please provide your contact information and answer Questions 1-4 below. Submit any additional ideas using a separate template for each.

Please email your completed template by August 16, 2021 to: [NIDCDStrategicPlan@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:NIDCDStrategicPlan@nidcd.nih.gov).

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1. Describe your idea that meets the objectives described above, for research or research training on hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, or language that may be achieved during the next 5-10 years, assuming resources are unlimited. *(2800 characters max)*

2. Are there technologies or scientific advances from related areas of research that can be leveraged to execute your idea? *(2800 characters max)*

3. How would you measure success for your idea? *(2800 characters max)*

4. How would your idea advance the current state of the field? Describe how your idea will overcome current gaps or barriers in the field. *(2800 characters max)*