

OPTIONS FOR THE WRITING SAMPLES ASSESSMENT FOR EIS APPLICANTS

FMS 2.0 SECTION 13.6

PROMPT A

13.6. Writing Samples

13.6.1 EIS Writing Samples

Figure 13.6.1-a. EIS Writing Sample Fields

**EIS Writing Sample**

**Instructions:**  
You have 30 minutes to complete this Writing Assessment. The moderator will let you know when 5 minutes and 1 minute remain.  
Below is the list of EIS Core Activities of Learning, or CALs, which EIS officers must complete over the course of the fellowship.

**EIS Core Activities of Learning (CALs):**

- CAL 1: Conduct or participate in a field investigation of a potentially serious public health problem that requires a timely response
- CAL 2: Design, conduct, and interpret an epidemiologic analysis
- CAL 3: Evaluate a public health surveillance system
- CAL 4: Give an in-depth public health talk on the officer's original work or in their field of study
- CAL 5: Give a 5–15 minute oral presentation to a scientific audience
- CAL 6: Write a scientific manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal
- CAL 7: Write a concise public health update communicating timely information
- CAL 8: Write a scientific abstract
- CAL 9: Communicate complex scientific concepts to a lay audience
- CAL 10: Provide service to the agency (health department or CDC)

Write an email to your supervisor, Dr. Lee, to summarize a professional development goal for the first 6 months of your fellowship. To do this, please select at least one CAL, discuss why you want to focus on this activity, and describe how this activity will help to meet your professional goals.

Writing Sample: \*

Table 13.6.1-a. EIS Writing Sample Fields

Field	Values	EIS	LLS	FLIGHT	EEP	SAF	PMR/F	PH-TIPP	PHIFP	PE	ELI	PHAP
Writing Sample:	-	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

PROMPT B

*You have 30 minutes to complete this Writing Assessment. The maximum word count is 500. The proctor will let you know when 5 minutes and 1 minute remain.*

Below is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Pledge to the American People:

1. Be a diligent steward of the funds entrusted to our agency
2. Provide an environment for intellectual and personal growth and integrity
3. Base all public health decisions on the highest quality scientific data that is derived openly and objectively
4. Place the benefits to society above the benefits to our institution
5. Treat all persons with dignity, honesty, and respect

Write an email to the CDC Director, Dr. Redfield, and briefly describe how this pledge might relate to your work as an EIS officer and public servant.

**Response:**

## PROMPT C

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EIS is a unique fellowship of service and on-the-job learning where much of the training occurs through hands-on assignments. Strong supervision is a vital part of the EIS training. The EIS program is seeking feedback on what makes a great supervisor.

Write an email to the EIS Chief, Dr. Pevzner, describing what qualities make a great supervisor and what you hope to learn from your supervisor during the EIS fellowship.

**Response:**