

Stories in Science Writer's Guide (Oct 23, 2018)

(A) General Research Story Pathway

1. Tell us a little about yourself and how your journey in science could be summarized thus far. *(1-2 paragraphs ~200-250 words)*
2. How did you get to work on the problems you are working on or worked on previously? *(2-3 paragraphs ~300 words)*
 - a. What types of questions have you always been drawn to from an early age?
 - b. Why were you interested in the questions?
 - c. Who inspired you during those early days? How did they inspire you?
 - d. How have your research questions evolved over time?
3. Please expand on a specific research problem you are currently exploring. Tell us how and why the research/work excites/motivates/inspires you. *(1-2 paragraphs ~250 words)*
4. Can you tell us a brief story or particular day or a period of time or your choosing when you faced either a challenge **and/or** success in your research/work that ultimately helped you grow as a scientist and beyond? For the challenges, how did you overcome them? *(1-2 paragraphs ~300 words)*
5. What is your advice for either current or future trainees in science? *(~100 words)*

(B) Specific Paper Story Pathway

1. Tell us a little about yourself and summarize the overall goal/message of your paper. *(1 paragraph ~200-250 words)*
2. What was the initial inspiration behind the paper? Tell us a human story behind how the work got started. *(~300 words)*
 - a. How did the hypothesis come about?
 - b. What were your hopes and dreams?
 - c. What were the dead ends?
 - d. Who helped you craft the story?
 - e. When did you start writing the paper?
3. Please tell us a brief story of a specific time when you faced challenges (or major changes in direction) on your journey to publishing the paper. How did you overcome them? *(~250 words)*
4. What are the success stories behind your paper? *(~200 words)*
5. Please describe the publishing process. How long did it take and what were some of the reviewer comments that you addressed or could not address? *(~200 words)*
6. What is your advice for those about to start writing their papers or are in the midst of the review process? *(~100 words)*

Science is fundamentally about people. Either the people who do it, or the people who are affected by it. We want both the human and the science!