## Project Summary Template

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Include the following sections:

**Overview:**

Provide a brief description of the activity that would result if the proposal were funded and a statement of objectives and methods to be employed. (This is not an abstract.)

**Intellectual Merit:** The statement on intellectual merit should describe the potential of the proposed activity to advance knowledge.

* How important is the proposed activity to advancing knowledge and understanding within its own field or across different fields?
* How well qualified is the proposer (individual or team) to conduct the project? (If appropriate, the reviewer will comment on the quality of prior work.)
* To what extent does the proposed activity suggest and explore creative, original, or potentially transformative concepts?
* How well conceived and organized is the proposed activity?
* Is there sufficient access to resources?

**Broader Impacts:** The statement on broader impacts should describe the potential of the proposed activity to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes.

* How well does the activity advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning?
* How well does the proposed activity broaden the participation of underrepresented groups (e.g., gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)?
* To what extent will it enhance the infrastructure for research and education, such as facilities, instrumentation, networks, and partnerships?
* Will the results be disseminated broadly to enhance scientific and technological understanding?
* What may be the benefits of the proposed activity to society?