

**Pilot for Established Investigators in
Basic and Clinical/Translational Sciences**
Letter of Support Template

DATE

Resource Allocation Program
University of California San Francisco

Re: M.D. Ph.D.

Dear RAP Committee,

It is my pleasure to support application for RAP support entitled “_____”. This study examines _____. I have reviewed the project aims and feel that they represent a new thoughtful approach and potentially a very fruitful avenue for _____ research.

Dr. _____ has been a long-standing member of our faculty, having risen through the ranks from Assistant to Professor in our Department. Over the years, we have strongly supported Dr. _____ and his/her research program in three tangible ways. One, direct funding for his/her research programs, allocation of dedicated research space, and assignment to leadership roles in the Department.

Ophthalmology is heavily invested in Dr. _____’s research program, which has received substantial departmental funding in the past. An example of support is in an earlier project _____. The results from that work are now incorporated into his current application to RAP as an innovative _____. As further evidence of support, Dr. _____ has been successful in obtaining funding through an intra-departmental merit based grant application process. Dr. _____ is eligible to apply through this mechanism to supplement RAP funds for his project. For example, an area of support might be for postdoctoral fellow salary, as only 50% salary support is being requested from RAP in his current proposal. The Department _____ makes awards to assist its faculty in new research directions based on scientific merit.

The Department _____ has consistently provided Dr. _____ and his/her personnel with generous laboratory space in the _____ Building. His/her original assignment of space has grown over the years to meet the increase in demand in his/her research programs. In recognition of his/her research and contributions to the Department, Dr. _____ was named to the _____ in DATE and recently made _____ in the Department.

Dr. _____ is an outstanding researcher who is committed to rigorous fundamental research for the betterment of our patients. I give him/her my strongest support and wish him/her the best in this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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