

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

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UCSF Resource Allocation Program

Re: Letter of Support for Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear RAP Committee:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Dr. \_\_\_\_\_'s RAP grant application (Pilot Research Awards for Junior Investigators in Basic & Clinical/Translational Sciences). The study, "\_\_\_\_\_" proposes to \_\_\_\_\_. This study fills a gap in our knowledge about \_\_\_\_\_ and, is particularly timely given \_\_\_\_\_.

**BACKGROUND INFO RELATING TO THE VALUE OF RESEACH AREA.** \_\_\_\_\_.

Without more research on these topics, we cannot anticipate the impacts of state policies on patient care. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_'s project will provide valuable knowledge that will begin to answer these key questions.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ is XYZ Professor in the \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Division/Center. He/She has been with UCSF just over \_\_\_\_\_ years and shows great promise as an independent scholar of \_\_\_\_\_. In the short time since he/she joined UCSF, he/she has published over XX articles in journals that reach a range of audiences, including medical professionals and medical researchers. He/She has also been successful in securing funding and has recently obtained funding for two large, multi-year grants from private foundations.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ brings substantial experience in \_\_\_\_\_ to this project, making him/her well-suited to implement this study in the designated time period. I believe this project will serve as a productive seed project that will enable him/her to secure major funding for additional exploration of this topic and will further establish him/her research program on \_\_\_\_\_. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ has conveyed his/her intent to apply for an individual investigator award from the \_\_\_\_\_. A RAP award would provide the support he/she requires to develop preliminary data in anticipation of that application.

I can assure you that Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ will continue to receive the technological, intellectual, and resource support (including office space) necessary for the successful completion of his/her work through the Cneter/Department/Division of \_\_\_\_\_. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, has agreed to serve as his/her mentor on the project. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ has an excellent track record as a mentor, including his/her recent receipt of the XYZ award for \_\_\_\_\_, and I am confident that he/she will ensure completion of this project and provide Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ with the guidance he/she needs to develop an independent research career. I am pleased to recommend Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ for this award.

Sincerely,

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