

**Under Represented Faculty & Senior Fellows in Clinical and Translational
Research Awards**

Letter of Support Template

DATE

Dear RAP Committee:

As the director of the _____ and _____ at _____, as well as fellowship director, I enthusiastically support the grant application herein. Dr. _____'s proposal outlines a pilot project to determine _____. background info on project. Dr. _____ will seek to show that a similar intervention can significantly change _____. Dr. _____ has presented this proposal to the Director of the _____, as well as to the _____ and has received enthusiastic support. He/she has also undertaken a preliminary study as Principal Investigator evaluating recruitment and retention strategies that is currently ongoing with the support of the _____, with important results that have resulted in positive changes to this now further refined proposal.

Our _____ Fellowship Program is committed to supporting Dr. _____ with this project, both in time and resources. He/She will have in excess of 75% dedicated time to this project. There is a sufficient patient population here at _____, and in the preliminary study, he/she has demonstrated the ability to recruit XX subjects in a relatively short amount of time (two months).

Dr. _____ will take part in and learn the techniques and methods of analysis associated with the assays that _____ will be conducting for this project. He/She will also attend the _____ regular weekly lab-wide group meetings, and join in as a presenter. We also expect to have at least bi-weekly meetings of the _____ team where Dr. _____ will also attend, and take a leading role.

Dr. _____ is an excellent candidate for this award. He/She is ethnically a minority and is underrepresented in the trainee pool here at _____. He/She is thus eligible for this particular grant. He/She identified this area and has diligently pursued educating himself/herself on the prior work of the _____. He/She carefully evaluated the study design and has developed and pre-tested a project that is worthy and feasible during his/her fellowship years. The knowledge and experience he/she gains from this project will position him/her for his/her next goal, a successful NIH bid to further his/her investigations on _____ – a particularly vexing issue in our area and the USA. He/She has full support of our _____ Fellowship Program.

Dr. _____
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