Pilot for Early Career Investigators
Letter of Support Template

DATE

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 for Early Career Investigators). 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 RESEARCH 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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