

April 12, 2014

LA CaTs Clinical Research Education,
Mentoring and Development Core

Re: Application of XYZ for Meritorious Postdoctoral Scholar Award

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the [REDACTED], I am pleased to convey my strongest support for Dr. XYZ, who is submitting an application for the Meritorious Postdoctoral Scholar. Selected for our NIDDK T32 fellowship, XYZ is a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. ABC. With 33 peer-reviewed publications, XYZ is extremely productive in his study of the causes and consequences of [REDACTED]. Dr. XYZ's career goal is to establish a program in [REDACTED] epidemiology at [REDACTED]. His research is directly aligned with the upcoming opening of our [REDACTED] clinic that will focus on [REDACTED]. Dr. XYZ will be an integral faculty member that shapes the future direction of [REDACTED] research at our institution long-term.

I advise XYZ in the capacity as his secondary mentor on the T32 fellowship. Our collaborations on the assessment of [REDACTED] and its association with [REDACTED] health risk have produced 3 publications. Specifically, XYZ is building expertise in the utility of [REDACTED] assessments of [REDACTED] and their prediction of metabolic dysfunction. Given his graduate training in [REDACTED], he has a particular focus on body composition in the growing adolescent and how it relates to the pathology of [REDACTED]. The purpose of his current application is to explore race disparities in the association of [REDACTED]. In doing so, he will obtain essential training to become an independent scientist.

Under the mentorship of Dr. ABC, Dr. XYZ will devote 100% effort to the development of his research throughout the entire period of the proposed award. We are strongly committed to ensuring his future success as an independent investigator at [REDACTED] and will provide the necessary supplies, personnel, and mentorship to guarantee her success. Specifically, we will provide him:

- Use of the Biostatistics and Data Management Core under the mentorship of Dr. CCC
- Use of the [REDACTED] Outpatient Unit, Clinical Chemistry, and Data Management Cores
- Office space to conduct the proposed research with computer, statistical software, and office supplies
- Administrative support for grant assistance and management
- Senior level mentorship and opportunities for collaboration, both through Dr. XYZ's mentors and through the scholarly activities through our Division of Education
- Opportunities for obtaining additional funds through extramural and intramural sources

Dr. XYZ is a promising young scientist who we believe has all the necessary attributes to succeed in a highly competitive field, and we are committed to helping him become a productive independent investigator and successful faculty member at [REDACTED]. Supporting Dr. XYZ with this Meritorious Scholar award will be invaluable in the progression of his career.

Sincerely,

Department Chair