Health Research Board

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Your Head of School will need to approve the text in your letter -please send an email confirmation from them along with the final draft.

 XX November 2023

**Re: Letter of Support for UCD Lead Applicant: Dr APPLICANT NAME for the**

**HRB Emerging Clinician Scientist Award 2024**

Dear Health Research Board,

On behalf of UCD, I wish to confirm our support for submission of this proposal “TITLE” ledby Dr APPLICANT NAME, UCD to the Health Research Board Emerging Clinician Scientist Award 2024.

APPLICANT NAME is presently a JOB TITLE at LOCATION. There is no protected research time in the present role. <Detail employment arrangements here, including protected research time if applicable>

APPLICANT NAME is an excellent candidate for this award as he/she/they has a strong track record in delivery of high-quality research which has been translated to clinical practice. KEY EXAMPLE he/she/they is dedicated to the continuation of her research alongside his/her/their clinical practice and mentorship of others interested in clinical research. KEY EXAMPLE Given his/her/their achievements to date, and the opportunity provided through this programme, I am confident that APPLICANT NAME will be a clinical research leader of the future.

The proposed research programme meets a core strategic objective of the UCD Rising to the Future Strategy 2020-2024 which is to increase the quality, quantity and impact of our research, scholarship and innovation and is in full alignment with our strategic theme Building a Healthy World. <provide a line on how your research aligns with this theme>.

UCD confirms the Lead Applicant <Applicant title and name>:

Meets the eligibility criteria as specified in section 3.2 of the call guidance notes.

Is not recognised by UCD as an independent investigator.

UCD will

recognise the successful Lead Applicant upon receipt of the award as a <Job title> with a <insert status> contract.

recognise the successful Lead Applicant upon receipt of the award as an independent investigator, who will have an independent office, research space at the institution for which s/he will be fully responsible for at least the duration of the award. <Please confirm if the office/research space will be shared or for the exclusive use of the applicant>

sustain and support the successful Lead Applicant during the duration of the award by providing other support, such as access to infrastructure, mentoring and in-house training (e.g. leadership) and networking activities, etc <Please detail these as appropriate with a line or two on each here> A Host Institution may partner with a health service organisation or other relevant organisation if beneficial for the delivery of the research project <Complete or delete as appropriate>

<delete if no PhD students are on the project> proper arrangements and mitigation strategy are in place to support the PhD candidate(s) during their higher degree to successful completion.

In summary, it is without hesitation that I support APPLICANT NAME’s application to the HRB Emerging Clinician Scientist Award 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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**Professor Helen Roche**

**Interim Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact, UCD**