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: Institutional Support for HRB EIA 2022 Pre-Application – <Applicant title and name>**

Dear Health Research Board,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for <*Applicant title and name>* proposal to the 2024 Emerging Investigator Awards for Health programme which aims to develop new and talented independent investigators by facilitating and supporting the transition of these individuals from postdoctoral researchers to independent and self-directed health research investigators in the Republic of Ireland. 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 isin full alignment with our strategic theme *Building a Healthy World. <provide a line on how your research aligns with this theme>*. The impact of this research will be considerable. <*1-2 lines in relation to what you see the impact of the research being – think about the end result – for example: how will society change due to this research?*>

UCD focuses strongly on excellence programmes which support the development of research careers at all levels. The prestigious EIA programme offers an exciting opportunity for the University to strengthen our academic base in health research through developing the most internationally competitive academic researchers and collaborative experts in the field. <*Applicant title and name>* is an ideal candidate for this programme which aims to support excellent individuals to establish themselves as independent and self-directed investigators.

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

Meets the eligibility criteria as specified in section 6.2.2 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.

<SUMMARY OF CANDIDATE> *(providing brief background of career so far and its impact; 50 words max.)*

MENTORSHIP PARAGRAPH <FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP AND WORDING AS PER GUIDELINES> *(providing reasons for selection, 50 words max.)*

In summary, it is without hesitation that I support this application by <*Applicant title and name>* to the HRB EIA 2024 Awards call.

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Helen Roche**

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