**Suggested Mentor Template – Max. 2 pages**

Addressed to Lead Applicant or SFI

X Month 2023

**Re: Mentor Letter of Support for <*proposal title*> to the SFI Frontiers for the Future proposal under the Projects stream**

Dear [Lead Applicant/Professor Philip Nolan],

Intro paragraph – pleased to act as mentor, mention of the specific research

Short paragraph on the mentors own background, leadership and experience of mentorship

Paragraph on the role of the mentor in the context of this research and applicant, how the mentor will engage with the applicant and the specifics around what areas they will provide mentorship in (remember the mentor should not come across as a “supervisor” or compromise the independence of the applicant in leading the project) , frequency of planned meetings, assistance the mentor will provide with navigating the challenges of academic life, such as teaching, writing research funding proposals and student supervision. “The Mentor does not play a supervisory or presiding role to the award holder but acts solely as an advisor” (call guidelines p.12)

Role in the co-supervision of students. “The Mentor may also take the role of a co-supervisor for staff and/or students employed on the research programme, but it is the award holder who will always act as the primary supervisor” (call guidelines p.12)

Mention of space and infrastructure currently used by the Applicant and that available to the Applicant and their team also for this research – match this to the “infrastructure and services provided by Research Body” 1 page section

Closing paragraph on the importance of the Frontiers for the Future research, its innovative nature, approach and impact

Kind regards,

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