

August 29, 20

Re: , Gilead Research Scholar Program

Dear Colleagues:

As Chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine, within the Department of

I am writing to express the unreserved institutional commitment to Dr. and her application for the Gilead Research Scholars Program. Dr. is an Assistant Professor of and an attending physician in the . She has a strong track record of research and has authored 38 peer-reviewed papers on the prevention and treatment of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in . She has completed funding from an NIMH Kirschstein-NRSA Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship Award (F32), a (CFAR) Mentored Research Scholar Award, a pilot grant, and she currently holds a K23 Career Development Award through the National Institute of . Her work to reduce the incidence of HIV and to improve sexual health outcomes for is central to mission to integrate outstanding patient care with innovative research.

In the proposed project, Dr. aims to develop and test testing primary care. Her Primary Mentor is Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases and Co-Director of the . In the proposed research, Dr. will also have the support of the , which will provide guidance in the design and methods for Dr. 's research. This mentorship and support will provide her with a solid experiential foundation for her future independent research career.

and provide an outstanding environment for young investigators to gain experience and receive formal instruction and independence in designing and conducting research. The Department of is deeply committed to clinical and health services research and is committed to Dr. 's career development, as evidenced by her appointment as an Assistant Professor of and Assistant Director of Services. As Chief of the Division of I will ensure that Dr. has **75% of her effort protected for research and career development for the duration of the award**, with the remaining 25% of her time dedicated to clinical work. In addition, I will ensure that she has access to full array of core facilities and other research resources at and , as well as dedicated office space, computer equipment, and staff support.

In summary, Dr. is an outstanding candidate for the Gilead Research Scholars Program and I give her my highest recommendation for this award. I am confident that she will emerge as a national leader in the area of HIV prevention.

Sincerely,