



Date: May 7, 2019

To: Department Chair/Program Director

RE: Letter of support for OPSD Scholars program

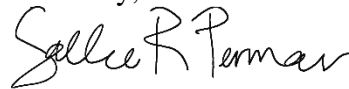
The Office of Physician-Scientist Development (OPSD) supports the Duke School of Medicine physician-scientist pipeline by providing training and mentorship to support the retention and the success of future physician-scientists. As part of this initiative, the OPSD has created a concierge mentoring program for School of Medicine residents, fellows, and junior faculty called the OPSD Scholars. OPSD Scholars provides mentorship around developing a career as a physician-scientist.

Duke has an abundance of talented investigators and a wealth of knowledge that can support junior investigators as they establish their independent research careers. The OPSD has identified these established investigators as Master Mentors. Master Mentors within the OPSD Scholars program will work with individual OPSD Scholars to develop an individualized career development plan (IDP) and a scholarship oversight committee (SOC). Master Mentors will also serve as a resource for troubleshooting challenges and finding pathways to success.

One of your department's trainees, _____, has requested our office to assist in identifying a Master Mentor in order to gain mentorship around developing a career as a physician-scientist. This letter is to make you aware of _____'s participation in the OPSD Scholars program as a mentee/trainee and to confirm that you are supportive of this effort. Although each scholar's needs will vary, we anticipate our mentees will remain in the program for 2 years with a total of 4-8 one hour sessions with their mentor.

Please sign here to show your support for the applicant to fully participate in the OPSD Scholars Program).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sallie R. Permar". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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