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NAME

ADDRESS

Dear NAME,

It is my pleasure to offer you a position as Research Associate (Clinical) in order to pursue research and scholarship in the Department/Institute of XXXXX. As you are not an employee of Dartmouth College, please note that this appointment does not entitle you compensation or to benefits through Dartmouth College. Research Associates are non-faculty members of the academic community at Dartmouth who are here to obtain training. You will be working under the supervision of Dr. XXXXX on projects [brief description of research program]. Your initial appointment is for a period of XX years.

**If relevant**: This appointment requires a PhD/MS\* degree. As you have not yet been formally awarded your PhD/MS, please have the Dean of your current graduate school provide a letter attesting that you have completed all of the formal requirements for this degree and the expected date of degree conferral. Conferral of your degree or attestation that you have met all requirements is required prior to your starting employment at Dartmouth.

*\*Hiring of research scientists without terminal degrees is expected to be highly limited. If approved by Dean’s Office.*

*Any candidate who does not hold an MS (when approved) or PhD degree must provide documentation from their institution that they have fulfilled the requirements for the degree prior to the date employment begins.*

As a member of the academic community of Dartmouth College, you will have access to the Dartmouth Library system, includingour full biomedical research collections and clinical references, such as *UpToDate*. Your academic appointment will also provide you with a Dartmouth Name Directory (DND) account, which gives you email and other important online accesses. Additionally, your Dartmouth College photo ID card may qualify you for discounts from Dartmouth programs and facilities. Additional information for academic personnel at Geisel can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs site (<https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/oaa/>).

As a member of the Dartmouth College academic community, you will be expected to comply with Dartmouth’s rules and policies including, but not limited to, policies on the responsible conduct of research, patents, copyright and other intellectual property rights, conflict of interest, open dissemination of research findings, institutional diversity & equity (IDE), and sexual respect. Please be aware, too, that all individuals who hold academic titles at Dartmouth are required to complete an online training module on sexual respect. Information on this module and other relevant information can be found at <https://sexual-respect.dartmouth.edu>.

You should be aware that as a member of the Geisel community, it is your responsibility to read, understand, and comply with certain Geisel and Dartmouth College policies, including without limitation:

* [Dartmouth’s Non-discrimination Policy](https://www.dartmouth.edu/ide/policies/gennondiscrim.html)
* [Dartmouth’s Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct Policy and Procedures](https://sexual-respect.dartmouth.edu/compliance/dartmouth-sexual-and-gender-based-misconduct-policy-and-procedures)
* [Dartmouth’s Research Misconduct Policy](https://policies.dartmouth.edu/policy/research-misconduct-policy-and-procedures)
* [Dartmouth’s Policy on Export Controls and Material Transfers](https://www.dartmouth.edu/osp/compliance/export_controls/index.php)
* [Policy on Expectations for Professionalism for Faculty, Non-Faculty Academics, and Staff of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth](https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/oaa/policy-on-expectations-for-professionalism-for-faculty-non-faculty-academics-and-staff-of-the-geisel-school-of-medicine-at-dartmouth/)

If you are engaged in medical education (MD Program) and Geisel-related educational responsibilities within the clinical environment, it is also your responsibility to read, understand, and comply (where applicable) with the specific policies noted below:

* [Clinical Supervision Policy](https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/students/pdf/policies/UME-CURR.CE-0017.pdf)
* [Learning Environment (Positive Learning Environment/Mistreatment Reporting)](https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/students/links/medical-student-mistreatment-reporting/)
* [Professionalism Policy and Reporting](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/students/links/professionalism-reporting)

(Optional): As you will carry out your research efforts in space located at the Lebanon site of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), we ask that you also please read and understand the information related to their policies governing professional responsibilities and behavior.

You are also expected to obtain any necessary training or certification required for your activities at Dartmouth including, but not limited to, those required by Title IX, Environmental Health & Safety, the Animal Care and Use Committee, or the Committee for Protection of Human Subjects.

Please be aware that, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, individuals moving to the Dartmouth area and/or working on Dartmouth property must adhere to current quarantine restrictions as determined by federal, state, and institutional guidelines (<https://news.dartmouth.edu/covid-19/important-updates>) and to current restrictions on campus research activities established by Dartmouth College and by the Geisel School of Medicine. Please note that as part of these institutional guidelines, all employees must be fully vaccinated prior to the start of employment, to include a COVID booster once eligible. Individuals seeking an exemption from Dartmouth’s vaccine requirement for a medical or religious reason should reach out to the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity to complete and submit the necessary paperwork or visit <https://www.dartmouth.edu/hrs/> for additional information and instructions on where to upload proof of vaccination documentation.

NAME, we are delighted you will be joining us this MONTH OF START DATE. We anticipate that your work with us in [Area of Endeavor/Specifics of Project] shall be in advancing [FIELD] and we look forward to this fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely,

CHAIR’S NAME PI NAME (optional)

NAME OF DEPARTMENT NAME OF DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the Trustees of Dartmouth College

By signing below, I indicate that I understand and agree with the contents of this letter and that I accept the offer in the Department of DEPARTMENT at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

Please sign, date, and return the original letter by [RESPONSE DATE].

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