

October 27, 2017

**RE: Translational Research Scholars Program**

Dear Translational Research Scholars Program Selection Committee:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of support for Dr. Kim McKeirnan's application to your above-mentioned scholars program. Since her appointment here at Washington State University her research trajectory has outpaced all of her Clinical Track colleagues in the department. She has demonstrated a great deal of self-motivation, an indefatigable work ethic, and a great deal of research acumen. In addition to this she is an excellent teacher and has been awarded the teacher of the year award every year since her appointment started. She has embarked on a path of research that is novel, difficult to study, and often neglected. Her work has the potential for significantly transforming the practice of pharmacy and improving health care in general. She clearly meets your eligibility requirements. She has an established publication record, has several ongoing studies currently underway, and is poised to retool and resubmit an R15.

She has my full support for this endeavor and would be provided with the requisite release time if you elect to provide her with this award. Additionally, she has a very bright and productive mentor in place. Dr. McPherson who is a researcher that I have worked with personally. I assure you that he would provide Dr. McKeirnan with excellent guidance based on his vast experience.

Dr. McKeirnan is a rapidly evolving researcher with a head full of great ideas and questions, the intelligence to turn those questions into practical research projects, and the relentlessness required to see those projects through to fruition. I assure you that if you provide her with your support you will be pleased with the return.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,



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