



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering

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Dear Review Committee:

I would like to express my support for Dr. Gunes Uzer's ITHS Translational Research Scholars Program proposal in strongest possible terms. Dr. Uzer joined the Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering Department in August 2016 as a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor. In his first year as a faculty member, he has quickly established a reputation as a productive and effective researcher as well as an outstanding colleague.

Dr. Uzer has demonstrated excellent potential as an independent researcher and been pivotal in building bridges between engineering and clinical parts of the campus. He joined the Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering Department after his post-doctoral training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Medical School. Prior to that, he completed his PhD training in Biomedical Engineering at Stony Brook University, specifically working on bone physiology. His work has accumulated over 23 publications in his fields and has been recognized by the prestigious Young Investigator award from the Stem Cells Journal. He has also been successful at gathering pilot funding to study regenerative medicine approaches using stem cells. For these qualifications, Dr. Uzer has a strong probability of success on his proposed research plan.

The Boise State University Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering is fully committed to supporting Dr. Uzer's efforts on this program. As part of this support, the Boise State University Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering Department approves the allocation of 15% of Dr. Uzer's 2018-2019 Academic Year effort to this project, which is equivalent to a commitment of 1.35 months.

Dr. Uzer has outstanding promise as junior faculty member, and I'm pleased to offer my strongest support for his proposal.

Sincerely,

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