COMPONENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RESEARCH INVESTIGATOR OFFER LETTER LETTERS

Note – All items are required unless marked optional

Opening paragraph:

Research Investigator Opening Paragraph Sample

We are pleased to offer you a faculty appointment as Research Investigator in the Department of ______________, Division of ______________, effective October 1, 2019. This appointment is contingent upon approval by the Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs.

Note: Reasonable Start Date – 1 ½ - 2 months out

Note: A Research MOU is also required with the offer letter

Contingency Clause - Background Check & Drug Screening

- Include: Offer is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and a pre-employment drug screening.

Length of Appointment

- Research Investigator
  - Maximum of 4 years; usually 1 year appointment, renewable
  - State that the maximum time in rank for this appointment is four years.

Immigration Clause

- If applicable, this offer is contingent on your securing valid immigration status and work authorization before your expected start date and maintaining your valid immigration status and work authorization throughout your employment.

Salary – Summarized and Divided (indicate VA salary if applicable)

- Salary must be divided into:
  - Base
  - Academic Supplement
  - Supplement Salary
  - Incentive Salary
  - Administrative differential
- Summarize with Total Salary (sum of all components offered)

NOTE: For all offers that include payments greater than $25,000 that do not have associated effort (such as signing bonus, educational loan repayment assistance, contribution to a 401(K), deferred compensation, etc.) will require a Provost Justification Memo.

Benefits Statement

- Include the link for the UM benefits website: http://benefits.umich.edu/
- If VA Appointment, indicate whether benefits will be provided by the VA or UM

Location of Work

- Include a statement that work site locations may change, depending on staffing needs.
- If VA appointment, include this statement: The VA has instituted random drug testing for all employees. You may be requested at any time during your employment to participate in this testing.
Administrative Service (optional)
- No administrative responsibilities will be assigned at this time. We will work with you over time as you express interest in leadership opportunities.

Laboratory Space (optional)
- If lab space will be provided, describe the location and note that the space is subject to Medical School and department space policies.

Evaluation of Performance
- Include a statement that the individual’s performance (teaching, scholarly productivity, and clinical care) will be evaluated annually by the chair, division head or other individual.
- Include a statement that salary increases are determined based on your annual evaluation, University guidelines, and the availability of funds to support the increases.

Teaching (optional)
- Typically stated as: Your teaching responsibilities will include teaching, mentorship, and supervision of undergraduate and graduate students performing research in the laboratory.

Research Statement
- The individual’s research responsibilities should be clearly outlined, indicating expectation for publishing and presenting results. If applicable, expectation for applying for external funding.

Mentoring Statement
- Research Investigator
  - Specific mentor(s) must be named

Start-Up Funds (Optional)
- The type and dollar amount of funds should be specified, along with the types of expenditures for which those funds can be used and any limit on the length of time the faculty member has to expend them.

Professional Development Funds (Optional)
- Explain the amount and the types of activities it can be used for.

Moving Expenses (Optional)
- Can be offered at Department’s discretion.
- Should be provided consistently within the department or unit.
- MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT: 1/12 of the annual salary.
- Dollar amount should be specified.

Medical School Bylaws

The Faculty of the Medical School consists of a diverse organization of health care professionals and scientists who perform the teaching, research, health care and service missions of the Medical School. The University is a public university and the Faculty serves in the public interest. Faculty members are responsible for providing instruction to a large learning community that includes undergraduates, medical students, allied health workers, graduate students, residents, postdoctoral fellows, physicians, professional colleagues through continuing medical education, and the public.

Members of the Faculty must maintain and demonstrate competence in their disciplines, as well as professional and personal integrity. Faculty members are expected to offer mentorship within the entire learning community, including mentorship to Faculty colleagues. Faculty members are expected to set a high example of collegiality.
in the workplace with respect for personal boundaries and diversity and inclusion. Faculty members must avoid behaviors that interfere with or adversely affect a community member’s ability to learn or fulfill the individual’s professional responsibilities. Confidentiality in clinical, research, administrative and other professional roles must be assured.

In addition to the Regents’ Bylaws and these Medical School Bylaws, each of which apply to all Faculty members, special rules such as the Medical Staff Bylaws, the University of Michigan Medical Group Bylaws (UMMG Bylaws) and research guidelines and principles pertain where applicable. Faculty who provide clinical patient care must have and maintain the appropriate clinical credentials and privileges approved by the applicable governing body.

Faculty members must avoid conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment to the University. Academic freedom does not abrogate the requirement for integrity in scholarship, professional confidentiality, collegial behavior, or civility in the workplace. The Medical School’s Conflict of Interest and Outside Interest policies and disclosure forms are available online at: http://www.med.umich.edu/u/coi/. Faculty are required to disclose their Outside Interests annually and as needed to update disclosures in M-Inform available online at: http://www.umms.med.umich.edu/minform/. Faculty must disclose the Outside Interests of both themselves and their immediate family members. When reviewing disclosures, Faculty outside interests must enhance the Faculty’s usefulness as a teacher and scholar (see Regents’ Bylaws Section 5.12). Eligible outside interests may not include the performance of functions that otherwise are more appropriately performed within the UMHS, including education, research, establishment of non-profit entities, patient chart reviews and clinical activity.

Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in corrective action up to and including suspension or termination of Faculty appointment and/or termination of employment. Corrective action is further described in Section 4.6 of the Medical School Bylaws.

Candidate Acceptance Signature Line