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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for supporting medical student research at PSOM through your leadership of a summer student research fellowship. Programs such as yours represent an essential part of the PSOM experience for many of our students and provide vital opportunities for our students to make the most of Penn's unparalleled academic resources during their time on campus. Your contributions through this effort are deeply appreciated and valued. It is also a wonderful way for our students to get to know our esteemed faculty.

Students who participate in summer research fellowships often depend on the stipends they receive to cover essential living expenses. For some students, availability of a summer stipend that is sufficient to cover these expenses may determine whether or not they are able to participate in a particular on-campus opportunity during the summer after their first year at PSOM.

Summer student research fellowship directors are responsible for determining the stipend that their programs will offer. To ensure that on-campus research fellowships are available to students coming from a range of backgrounds, including students with limited access to funds, and in an effort to be equitable for all students, we recommend a summer stipend of \$3500 for an 8-10 week experience.

Adherence to these recommendations is not mandatory; however, we hope that you will consider this guidance in budgeting for your fellowship for this and future years in support of our shared goal of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in all PSOM student programs.

Sincerely,



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