

Form for Department Chair and Mentor

Please attach with letter

Name of Candidate:

Name of Referee:

I am:

Department Chair

Primary Mentor

The candidate is applying to the Columbia University CTSA Reach for the First R01 award. The purpose of this award is to develop the research capabilities and career of the most promising junior faculty who do not yet have an R01 grant. These awards provide entry into a class/support group to aid in the submission of their grant. This support will not replace appropriate mentorship or senior scientific expertise, but rather will aid with the pragmatics of successful R01 submission.

We would appreciate receiving your evaluation of the above candidate with special reference to:

- * potential for conducting research;
- * evidence of originality;
- * adequacy of scientific background;
- * quality of research endeavors or publications to date, if any;
- * commitment to health-oriented research; and
- * need for further research experience and training.

Any related comments that you may wish to provide would be welcomed.

For Primary Mentors

As primary mentor, I recommend the candidate whose name appears above. I agree that I have sufficient time over the next four months to mentor the candidate to submit an R01 or R23 by February 2014.

Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Department: _____

Signature: _____

For Department Chairs

As Department Chair, I give departmental support to the candidate submit an R01 or R23 by February 2014. I agree to give the candidate protected time for the next four months to develop and submit an R01 or R23 by February 2014.

Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Department: _____

Signature: _____

Please return your reference letter with this form to either the candidate or to David Zhai (dz2214@cumc.columbia.edu) by 5pm on **September 13, 2013** so that the candidate can meet the application submission deadline.

Thank you for your assistance.