

April 12, 2021

ERC Program
Division of Engineering Education and Centers
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22230

Re: Columbia University proposal in response to NSF 20-553: Gen-4 Engineering Research Centers (ERC) – Convergent Research and Innovation through Inclusive Partnerships and Workforce Development


Dear ERC Program Directors,

If the proposal submitted by Dr. X. Edward Guo entitled *NSF Engineering Research Center for Integrated Mechanobiology for Women's Health (IMWEL)* is selected for funding by NSF, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the Project Description or the Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources section of the proposal.

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Sincerely,



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