



Alexandria LaunchLabs at Columbia
The Lasker Biomedical Research Building
3960 Broadway, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10032

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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.

Alexandria LaunchLabs at Columbia, a new life science startup platform, is located in Columbia University Irving Medical Center's Lasker Biomedical Research Building at 3960 Broadway adjacent to the medical center and is the first of its kind located at an academic medical center campus. The full-service platform offers member companies 14,000 square feet of collaborative co-working space, including shared and private laboratories and office environments, as well as company-building support and access to seed-stage investment capital through the Alexandria Seed Capital Platform. Our location also includes a MakerSpace for creative experimentation and an event space to host workshops, networking and educational opportunities for the Upper Manhattan entrepreneurial bioscience community.

Sincerely,

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