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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.

Harlem Biospace was the first life-science incubator space in Manhattan, which I founded with support from New York City Economic Development Corporation in 2013. Our facility, which is a 10-minute walk from the Morningside campus of Columbia University, offers workstations and wet-lab benches, and access to a variety of core facilities, including chemical fume hood, cell-culture hood, cell-culture incubators, and a variety of equipment, epifluorescence microscope, and prototyping equipment. Harlem Biospace has hosted over 60 companies which have collectively raised over \$270 million. Currently, we have 20 member companies, including multiple companies emanating from research at Columbia University. For this proposal, we are happy to offer space to new startup companies created from this award, and access to resources, including our network of advisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sam Sia'.

Samuel Sia, Ph.D.
Co-Founder, Harlem Biospace