

April 22, 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 our intent to commit to joining the ERC as a member and providing (cash and/or in-kind) support.

Pregnolia is a women's health medtech company, founded in 2016, as an ETH Zurich spinoff, with the goal of establishing the new screening standard for preterm birth diagnostics, based on the cervical stiffness measurement device. It originated with a Pioneer Fellowship from ETH Zurich that supported the translation of the company's co-founder doctoral work into a commercial idea.

Sincerely,



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VP R& D and co-founder  
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