**TENURE TRACK AAUP-BHSNJ**

**FACULTY OFFER LETTER TEMPLATE**

**Updated: 04/10/2020**

*(****Full Name***)

(***Address***)

(***City, State, Zip***)

Dear (***Dr./Mr./Ms****.):*

I am pleased to offer you a full-time position as (*faculty title*) on the Tenure Track in the (*name of**department / program*) in (name of School) which is a part of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (“University”).

This is (10 month*/12 month*), appointment beginning on, or about, (*month/day/year*) and ending on June 30, (*year*). Your tenure track formal review for reappointment will take place prior to the expiration of this appointment.

***If appointment includes administrative title****:* You will also hold the administrative title of (*administrative title*) at the (name of School) for which you will receive additional compensation of (state amount).

Your performance will be reviewed annually, and any additional compensation will be determined in accordance with the University’s existing merit award program applicable to senior administrators.

You serve in this administrative capacity at the will of the Dean. Should you no longer hold this administrative position you will no longer receive this additional compensation.

***If academic base and other salary components***: Your total compensation will be $(*insert total compensation, total of all components including administrative stipend, if applicable*). This includes an academic base of $(*dollars*), a supplemental component *of $(dollars*)*,* ***AND If applicable, add******the following****: and $(dollars) for your administrative role.*

*Your supplemental component will be paid as follows: (insert payment parameters, including whether it is guaranteed or conditional. If guaranteed, indicate for how long.)* *You may be eligible for additional compensation based on performance.*

Salary components are contingent upon satisfactory performance and a variety of other University and School criteria.

***If academic base only***: Your total salary will consist of an academic base of (\_\_\_\_\_ dollars), ***AND If applicable, add******the following****: and $(dollars) for your administrative role. You may be eligible for additional compensation based on performance.*

Your annual salary will be paid over a 12-month period.

***If applicable:*** You will be expected to cover a significant portion of your time devoted to research from extramural sources.

***If clinical faculty:*** Your receipt and maintenance of (1) a full, unconditional and unrestricted license to practice medicine or dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and (2) valid registrations from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) and the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Affairs, Drug Control Unit (“CDS”) are conditions of your employment with the University. You certify that you have not in the past and are not currently a “sanctioned individual” as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1320a-7(b)(8), regarding individuals excluded from participation in Medicare or any state Medicaid program. **[State any additional requirements for board certification, credentialing, and/or enrollment in Medicaid and Medicare Programs.]** If you do not obtaina valid New Jersey clinical license and DEA and CDS registrations (state any other requirements) within 90 days of your start date, or for such period of time as extended by the Dean, your appointment will be terminated.  **[State any requirement to maintain hospital privileges at (name of hospital)].** It is your responsibility to immediately notify your Chair upon any non-renewal, suspension or termination of a full, unconditional and unrestricted license and/or any required registrations. You must also notify your Supervisor immediately upon notice that you are under investigation for any claim which could lead to exclusion from participation in Medicare or any state Medicaid program or which could subject you to sanctions by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners or New Jersey Board of Dentistry. If you fail to maintain your license and/or any required registrations in full, unconditional and unrestricted status (or in the event that certain conditions or restrictions are placed on your license), or you are excluded from participation in Medicare or any state Medicaid program you will be immediately removed from any patient care activities. Compensation may be suspended or reduced if you are unable to perform employment responsibilities as a result of a failure to maintain your license and/or any required registrations (or as a result of conditions or restrictions being placed on your license), or if you are excluded from participation in Medicare or any state Medicaid program. In addition, failure to maintain a full, unconditional and unrestricted license and/or any required registrations, or if you become excluded from participation in Medicare or any state Medicaid program, shall constitute a breach of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and may result in a termination of the employment relationship.

***If clinical faculty:*** You are required to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs as well as other commercial health plans and third-party payor programs as may be determined by Rutgers in its sole discretion. You must ensure that your services are provided in accordance with requirements of the Medicare and Medicaid Programs and of such commercial health plans and third-party payors.

***If applicable:*** As an employee of Rutgers, you are required to participate in and offer your clinical services through a clinical practice plan authorized by Rutgers. By acceptance of this appointment you assign your right to bill, collect and retain all revenue for professional care services to Rutgers or such entity as Rutgers shall designate along terms as established by Rutgers and you agree to cooperate to effectuate the assignment[For RWJMS only add:, which is documented in the accompanying Assignment/Limited Power of Attorney form].  Currently, Rutgers has an agreement with Rutgers Health Group, Inc. (“RHG”), a New Jersey non-profit corporation, which is the clinical practice plan of the health professionals employed by, contracted to, or affiliated with Rutgers. Rutgers reserves the right to replace its current authorized clinical practice plan with another clinical practice plan.

[For NJMS only add:  Currently, Rutgers has an agreement with University Physicians Associates of New Jersey (“UPA”) which bills and collects for same and distributes the revenues from collections pursuant to the Affiliation Agreement.  While this Affiliation Agreement is in place, failure to participate in the program may result in disciplinary action by UPA and the University.  Requests by full time faculty for exemption from the program may only be granted by the University after considering the recommendations of the Department Chair, and the UPA Board of Directors.  By your acceptance of employment, you also agree to authorize UPA to disclose to the Dean of New Jersey Medical School, consistent with the terms of the Affiliation Agreement, all revenues UPA receives from patient care activity, as reflected on the books and records of UPA.  Such disclosure will include monthly financial and activity statements currently provided to faculty members by UPA.  Patient care services which are not rendered in accordance with the program are not covered by the University Self-Insurance Program of Professional Liability Insurance.  By accepting this employment offer, you acknowledge that you have received or had made at your disposal copies of the Affiliation Agreement between Rutgers and UPA, as well as the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of UPA which are located at [www.upanj.org/governingdoc.asp](http://www.upanj.org/governingdoc.asp). Additionally, you confirm that you have read these documents and agree to be bound by their terms and conditions.]

Information regarding reappointment, timetables for tenure consideration and promotion, can be found in the *Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences* *Policies and Guidelines (*[*https://facultyaffairs.rbhs.rutgers.edu/wpcontent/uploads/9.18.17APGuidlineswtoc.pdf*](https://facultyaffairs.rbhs.rutgers.edu/wpcontent/uploads/9.18.17APGuidlineswtoc.pdf)*).*

**Describe the major duties and responsibilities of the position (include following language “**These responsibilities may be amended upon written notification to you.”)**, specific clinical or administrative duties, etc., plus a statement that these expectations are not all inclusive ("...and such other duties as assigned by the Chair and/or Dean."), and as well a statement of the responsibilities and commitment of the institution.**

***For all faculty at or below Associate Professor, if supervisor will be initial mentor, include this language:***In an effort to assist you in your career advancement, SUPERVISOR NAME will serve as your initial mentor and advise you on opportunities that may help advance your academic career. Within approximately six months, in consultation with SUPERVISOR NAME, you will be asked to identify one or more mentors who will help guide your career development.

***For all faculty at or below Associate Professor, if the mentor is someone other than the supervisor, include this language:*** NAME will serve as your mentor in an effort to assist you in your career advancement.

This offer is contingent upon the successful completion of all the procedures and approvals required by the University and [insert name of School] and the completion of a background check (including educational credentials, employment history, licensing/certification verification, criminal history, social security records, research misconduct and professional liability claims history) deemed favorable by the University.

During the period of emergency as declared by the State of New Jersey and the University, the University may relax University Policy 60.1.30 and allow individuals to commence employment with Rutgers prior to receiving the full results of the background check due to the inability of the University to timely obtain certain information from agencies related to that background check.  Any individual allowed to commence employment under this relaxation of University Policy shall be subject to termination of employment if the information subsequently obtained about the individual that had not been obtained (or not disclosed by the applicant) at the time of application of employment, are not deemed acceptable by the University.

This relaxation/exception to the Policy by the Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness shall apply only to certain criminal history information that may not be timely obtained due to the closure or limited availability of certain court systems during this period of emergency.  Applicants must still undergo all other parts of a background check, including, but not limited to, the Sex Offender Registry.  This relaxation shall not apply to applicants who must complete a full background check pursuant to statute, regulation, accrediting agency policy, where required for hospital medical staff privileging or by an entity contracting with RBHS for services, or for other reasons determined by the Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness.

In addition, appointment to this position requires that you are not listed by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and/or the General Services Administration (GSA) as excluded from participating in federal health care, research or other grant programs. The undersigned faculty member agrees that during the term of this Agreement any violations of federal or state law or actions that are contrary to University policy or public policy shall constitute a breach of its terms and conditions and may result in a termination of the employment relationship and a forfeiture of all employment benefits expressed within.

***If clinical faculty in NJMS and RWJMS***: You are also required to sign the attached restrictive covenant agreement [For RWJMS only add: and the attached Assignment/Limited Power of Attorney form].

All faculty are required to comply with the Bylaws, policies and procedures of the University and the School, including the University’s compliance program, as they may be amended from time to time. Nothing in this letter supersedes applicable University and/or School Bylaws, policies, or procedures.

The School’s bylaws are located at (insert applicable link). University policies of frequent interest to faculty include:

* Compliance Program

<https://uec.rutgers.edu/programs/healthcare-compliance/>

* Patents

[https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/50.3.14%20-%20current\_0.pdf](https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/50.3.14%20-%20current_0.pdf%20)

* Intellectual Property: Copyrights & Royalties

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/50.3.7-current.pdf>

* Investigator Conflict of Interest

<https://orra.rutgers.edu/conflict-interest>

* Code of Ethics: General Conduct

[https://uec.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/CodeofEthics.pdf](https://uec.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/CodeofEthics.pdf%20)

* OIG / GSA Exclusion

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/100.2.2%20-%20current.pdf>

* Guidelines for Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activities

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/90.2.2%20-%20current_0.pdf>

* Liability Insurance

<https://riskmanagement.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RBHS%20Professional%20Liability%20Program%20of%20Self%20Insurance%20060115.pdf>

Policies dealing with pre-employment health requirements are:

* HIV, HBV and HCV

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/4035-currentpdf>

Faculty who have potential patient contact and/or exposure to human cells or tissues must be tested for hepatitis infection and immunity as condition of employment in accordance with the HIV, HBV and HCV Policy.

* Tuberculosis Surveillance

<https://policies.rutgers.edu/sites/policies/files/40.3.3%20-%20current.pdf>

For your protection, all prospective School faculty must be tested for tuberculosis as a condition of employment. Please provide documentation of recent results in accordance with the Tuberculosis Surveillance Policy.

Please refer to the attached memo, "Pre-Employment Medical Evaluation" for instructions on submission of a recent TB test and (if applicable) HBV documentation.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires all employers to certify the identity and work eligibility of all new employees. This offer of appointment is therefore subject to your presentation of proper documentation, as required by law. The *Employment Eligibility* form (Form I-9) is an online process, and all new employees must present the required documents to the employing department, in person, within three days of the employment start date. Accordingly, please present the required documents to (insert name) before your start date. You must complete an Employment Eligibility Verification Form (Form I-9), an Oath or Affirmation document, and other required payroll forms by your appointment begin date.

In addition to the Form I-9, all new employees are required to have their employment eligibility verified through government databases using E-Verify. E-Verify compares information from your Form I-9 to data from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration records to confirm employment eligibility. In the event that the E-Verify system of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) gives Rutgers a “Temporary Non-Confirmation (TNC)” of your eligibility for this job, you will be notified by your employing department and given the opportunity to respond to USCIS within the required timeframe. If subsequent to a TNC on your case the E-Verify system gives Rutgers a “Final Non-Confirmation (FNC)” of your eligibility for the job, your employment in this position will be subject to immediate termination as required by USCIS regulations. For information on the Form I-9, E-Verify and the list of acceptable documents, please visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service website <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

Full-time faculty are eligible for health and certain other benefits. (*Insert Name)* will register you for a benefits orientation session where you will receive a Benefits Guide and other benefits-related documents and forms. Information describing the comprehensive benefits program at Rutgers University is also available online at <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/benefits/benefits-overview>. Once you have attended the orientation, please complete the benefit forms and return them to (Insert Name).

By accepting this offer of employment, you are representing to Rutgers that you are not subject to any restrictive covenant, non-compete agreement or other legal restriction which prevents you from being employed by Rutgers.

***If no administrative title:***

As part of your employment, you are represented by the Council of Chapters of the American Association of University Professors Biomedical and Health Sciences of New Jersey (AAUP-BHSNJ) for purposes of collective negotiations.

***Optional Statement:*** It is our expectation that if you choose to leave the University prior to the end of your appointment, you will provide ninety days written notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact (insert supervisor) if you have any questions concerning the terms of this offer. Kindly indicate your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Letter of Offer by signing in the space provided below. (***If applicable add:*** Please complete and sign the enclosed Liability Claims Information – for paid clinical faculty only and/or the enclosed Restrictive Covenant Agreement), and return with the signed Letter of Offer to (specify) within (*number*)days. You will be contacted by University Human Resources to complete the Background Check Investigation (BGI) process. Background Check FAQs can be found here: <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/faq-background-check>. Please respond to UHR and submit the requested materials as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Chair or Dean

I accept the terms and conditions of this appointment:

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Signature Date