Dear Research Advisor,

You are receiving this form because a graduate student in your program or laboratory is applying to participate in the Yale Ciencia Academy (YCA) for Career Development, a program supported by NIH grant 1R25GM114000 and managed by Yale University.

The YCA will provide Ph.D. students from diverse backgrounds with opportunities to receive additional career development mentoring from scientific role models from diverse backgrounds; peer support and networking; trainings in important non-research skills required to succeed in science; and a chance contribute to their communities through science outreach.

As a requisite to participate of this one-year program, students must commit to:

- Participating in at least 6 of 8 video-chats with science role models, to be scheduled one weekday per month from 7:00-8:30pm ET;
- Participating in at least 4 of 5 peer discussion chats, to be scheduled one weekday per month from 7:00-8:30pm ET;
- Participating in 3 of 4 online professional development workshops (lasting 2-4 hours);
- Attending an annual in-person workshop at the Annual American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) conference (February 13-17, 2020);
- Completing a science outreach activity of the student’s choosing (e.g. contributing a science article for the general public, visiting a school, recording a podcast, etc.)

Time commitment for YCA from January to December 2020 is estimated to be 24 online hours and 5-6 days at the AAAS conference (including travel).

Students are strongly encouraged to give advance notice to their research mentors about the program’s schedule and to work with their mentors, professors, and program administrators to ensure that the activities of the YCA do not conflict with their academic and research responsibilities.

As part of the student’s application, the student must submit this form, completed by you, acknowledging your awareness of their intent to participate in the YCA during the next calendar year and agreeing to support the student in this training. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Giovanna Guerrero-Medina, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator
Yale Ciencia Initiative

Yale Ciencia Academy for Career Development
Research Advisor’s Statement of Agreement

Name of Student:

Academic Institution:

- I hereby declare that I am currently this student’s research advisor (as training program director or for the student’s thesis work).
- I am aware that the Yale Ciencia Academy is a program designed to benefit students’ academic and professional development and that the student under my research supervision is interested in participating in this program and completing all requirements.
- I commit to working with this student to ensure that the student is provided enough time to participate in the Yale Ciencia Academy’s activities and trainings.

Research Advisor’s Signature:

Research Advisor’s Name:

Research Advisor’s Contact Information: Email: Phone: