

SAMPLE LANGUAGE TO RECOGNIZE TEAM SCIENCE CONTRIBUTIONS IN MERIT AND PROMOTION CHAIR STATEMENTS

The UC Davis Joint Task Force on Research Units, in its 2018 report evaluating challenges to trans- and interdisciplinary research, noted a need to foster development of new research units and new team science collaborations at UC Davis, and recommended an increased focus on recognizing faculty contributions to interdisciplinary research activities.¹ The Clinical and Translational Science Center proposes that departmental letters and candidate statements include evidence of contribution to team science activities for faculty advancements. Supporting language should address:

- Needs, opportunities and/or benefits of a team science approach in the candidate's discipline where multiple investigators/sites/disciplines were required to address a complex problem.
- The candidate's role in the collaboration, which might include such activities as:
 - Participation as a PI on a multiple PI grant
 - Participation as an investigator on a collaborative multidisciplinary team (could be single- or multi-center).
 - Participation as a site investigator on a large multicenter clinical study
- The value of the candidate's critical/substantial scientific and scholastic involvement, including:
 - Contribution to the team's success in competing for peer-reviewed funding
 - Contribution to development of study concepts, methods and materials
 - Contribution of shared resources (facilities, data, etc.)
 - Dissemination of results through co-authorship of manuscripts, study reports, policy recommendations, etc.
 - Continued demonstration of the scientific impact of the collaboration on the candidate's field in clinical and/or research settings

Example for a multi-institution project:

Since her last merit review, Dr. X has made significant progress and contributions to team science activities in (topic/field). She served as UC Davis PI for a ##-institution multi-center collaborative clinical study to investigate _____, which successfully competed for funding in the amount of \$\$ from (organization). In addition to serving as the local PI, she contributed to the overall design of the study as the study team's specialist in (specialty), and contributed to concepts, analysis and interpretation of results for peer-reviewed manuscripts regarding _____. These manuscripts provide key evidence of (topic) that have had measurable impact on the field, including ## of citations (or adoption of XX as a part of clinical care recommendations, etc.). In addition, Dr. X's activities have resulted in additional (collaborations, funding, etc.) that...

¹ Dodd P, Dunne J. Key Factors for Success of Transdisciplinary Research Teams. Oral presentation at Science of Team Science 2018 Conference. Galveston, Texas. May 23, 2018