

OPTION 1

Our Department is committed to providing the following types of support for Dr. _____ should they be selected for an NSF CAREER award:

1. The teaching load for Dr. _____ will be held to two courses per academic year for the first two years of their CAREER award.
2. Dr. _____ will receive one month of summer salary support each year of their CAREER award.
3. Dr. _____ will receive assistantship and tuition support of a half-time graduate student each year of the CAREER award. This student support can be used by Dr. _____ in any way they deem necessary to supplement the educational and research objectives of their CAREER award.
4. The Department will provide assistance to Dr. _____ towards the purchase of equipment integral to the proposed CAREER award activities.
5. We will likewise provide Dr. _____ with travel funds that will allow them to attend at least two research conferences each year to aid in the dissemination of their research and educational findings.

In closing, let me say that we are very committed to Dr. _____ success as a faculty member within the Department of _____. We will do all that is necessary at the Department level to ensure a very positive and career-enhancing experience for Dr. _____ should they be selected to receive an NSF CAREER award. We appreciate the opportunity for them to be considered for this honor.

OPTION 2

The department is committed to facilitating Dr. _____'s success. They have been assigned a reduced teaching load for two years and have been provided with extensive (sizeable, substantial) start-up funds to establish a strong research program. Peer support and mentoring will be available to them through collaborations with faculty, and more formally through myself and members of the departmental committee concerned with promotion and tenure. The department also provides them access to (name internal facilities, labs or resources that may be available). _____ and space for graduate students as well as for setting up test equipment for experimentation.

OPTION 3

The departmental focus on _____ has received significant support from the College of _____ at Virginia Tech. Dr. _____'s, in particular, has received funds for a postdoc, summer salary, travel, and for computational needs. In addition to these financial commitments, the department assists Dr. _____'s long-term career development through the formal assignment of two experienced and committed mentors, Profs. _____ and _____.

OPTION 4

To demonstrate the department and college's support for Dr. _____ success as an educator/researcher, we will provide summer salary support for each year of the grant, as well as funds for equipment as appropriate. We will also return a portion of the departmental share of overhead on this project in support of their program. We will provide funding for some overlap of graduate students supported on the grant to allow for transition from one student to another during the grant. Travel expenses to national conferences will be provided for each year of the grant. I also promise to keep their teaching load as low as possible to allow them to focus as fully as possible on their research.