**CONDITIONAL OFFER LETTER TEMPLATE FOR A POST DOCTORAL FELLOW POSITION**

***Date***

***Candidate Name***

***Candidate Address***

Dear [***Candidate Name***],

Thank you for your interest in the Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Dr. [***Supervisor Name***]. On behalf of Western University of Health Sciences (“WesternU”), I would like to extend an offer to you for employment in Dr. [***Supervisor Name***]’s laboratory. We believe this fellowship will provide you the opportunity to accelerate your growth to a high level of professional competence in [***Field of Study***] and to further the development of leadership, teaching, and research skills that can be applied in your future professional endeavors.

WesternU is an “at-will” employer and therefore your employment with WesternU is at-will. This meansyour employment, whether introductory or regular status, may be terminated at any time by you or WesternU for any or no reason, as long as the reason is not otherwise prohibited by Federal or State law. Any contrary representations which may have been made to you are superseded by this offer. This is the full and complete agreement between you and WesternU on this term. Although your job duties, title, compensation and benefits, as well as WesternU’s personnel policies and procedures, may change from time to time, the at-will nature of your employment may only be changed in an express written agreement signed by you and the President of the University. This letter or any other oral or written representations will not be considered a contract or offer of employment for any specificperiod of time**.**

This fellowship commences on [***first day of employment***]. This fellowship is currently expected to have duration of [***Time limit of fellowship***], however, your employment with WesternU is at-will, which, as discussed above, means your employment may be terminated at any time by you or WesternU for any lawful reason.

Your responsibilities in this position are outlined in the job description you have reviewed upon application for the position. You will also be supplied with a hard copy to sign during your employee orientation. Modifications to this position may occur as situations warrant and at the discretion of the University. This is a regular status, full time, exempt appointment. Your initial base salary for this position will be $ [***Annual Rate***]. There are 26 pay periods per year. All forms of compensation referred to in this letter are subject to applicable withholding and payroll taxes.

As the [***Position Title***], you will report directly to [***Supervisor Name***], [***Supervisor Title***].

The WesternU [Employee Handbook](https://www.westernu.edu/media/hr/pdfs/employee-handbook.pdf) which will provide general information about Western U’s Human Resource policies. You also will be scheduled to attend a Human Resources Benefits/Orientation Program, where you will be presented specific information about Human Resources policies and benefits coverage eligibility/enrollment procedures.

Benefits include 15 days paid time off, contingent upon the duration of the fellowship being a minimum of one (1) year (12 consecutive months) in length. Should a situation arise for which you need extended family or sick leave beyond the 15 days of paid time off provided as benefits by the University, please check with your department and the Office of Human Resources for additional information.

Employees of WesternU may purchase a university [Parking Permit](https://www.westernu.edu/security/parking-overview/employee-parking/) for use in specified parking lots. The parking fee is determined by the parking option that you choose.

Health insurance is available for all regular full-time and part-time employees actively working a minimum of 30 hours per week. Eligible employees are entitled to health care coverage on the first day of the month following their first day of employment. If the start date is the first day of the month, then benefits are effective that day. The following link reviews WesternU’s benefits: <http://www.westernu.edu/hr/hr-benefits/>.

The University offers a 403(b) Plan for eligible employees (generally employees who are scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week and who are not students). As a condition of employment, you must contribute 1% of our compensation to the Plan on a pre-tax basis. The University will contribute 1.5% of your compensation. You may defer additional amounts to the Plan on a pre-tax, or Roth after-tax basis. Currently, the University intends to match the first 4% of your elective deferrals as follows:

Employee Elective Deferrals University Matching Contribution[[1]](#footnote-1)

1% 1.5%

2% 3.0%

3% 4.5%

4% 6.0%

As is required by WesternU policy, you will serve an introductory review period in your new position of 90 calendar days (3 months) beginning on your date of hire. Your performance will be reviewed prior to the conclusion of your introductory period. If you and WesternU mutually agree at the conclusion of your introductory period, your employment in this position will convert to regular status. However, the completion of the introductory period does not affect the at-will nature of your employment.

By executing this letter, you hereby acknowledge and confirm that you have not entered into any agreement with your current or any former employer, and are not otherwise subject to any restrictions, which would limit or restrict in any manner your ability to (i) perform your duties as an employee of WesternU, or (ii) compete with your current or any former employer.

Please note that this offer of employment is conditioned upon the successful completion of a background screening process, if applicable. WesternU reserves the right to rescind and/or terminate any offers of employment and/or employment agreements with you should 1) you fail to complete the requisite steps associated with this letter; 2) the results of your background screening are not successful.

1University has the right to change the amount of its matching contribution at any time.

Furthermore, pursuant to federal law, this offer of employment is contingent on your furnishing satisfactory evidence of identity and legal authority to work in the United States. In compliance with these laws, you must complete a Federal I-9 form. The completed, signed form, along with the required documentation showing your identity and legal authority to work in the United States, will be coordinated with you by the Employment area in our Office of Human Resources for inspection on the first day of employment. **Failure to provide this documentation may result in a rescinded/revoked offer of employment.**

***This offer is valid for seven days from the date of receipt of this letter, after which time this offer becomes null and void*.** If you wish to accept this employment offer and the terms and conditions stated herein, please return to me a signed copy of this letter within the seven-day effective period.

If you have any questions regarding this offer, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

On behalf of the and all WesternU staff and faculty, we look forward with great anticipation to you joining our team!

With Best Regards,

Endorsement:

I accept and understand the employment terms outlined above.

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 Signature

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 Date

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