**Personal Statement for the 2nd JPS-SPR/APS Fostering Leadership Program**

Ever since junior high school, I have felt a strong desire to be a scientist or researcher and contribute to scientific developments that enhance people’s health and well-being. During my xx-year-long clinical career as a pediatrician, I have been involved in the care of many children with xxxxxx disorders such as xxxxx and xxxxxx. I have always longed to take better care of them; however, there are a limited number of effective treatments and support options for such ailments. My passion to improve their overall health, therefore, led me to the field of basic science in xxxxxx, where I devoted myself to researching the origin of diseases, as it were, xxxxxxx.

Participating in large research projects as a PhD student, I became convinced that both solid clinical and laboratory experiences are essential to unravel undiscovered truths about xxxxxxxx disorders. Our research team had once analyzed the xxxxxx framework of children with xxxxxxxx, who had xxxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxx, using xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxxxxxx. We identifiedxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. This experience truly enhanced my academic interests and increased my motivation to tackle further challenges, especially those focused on developing effective treatments for such children. This experience made me realize that my diligent and calm personality will come to my aid while tackling assiduous laboratory work, and my strong sense of responsibility will allow me to complete tough research processes and publish a majority of the outcomes. However, I need more skills and experiences to conduct valuable research in this field.

My goal for my participation in the xxxxxxxxxxxx is to learn more about effectively designing studies and laboratory techniques and broaden my network and knowledge as a xxxxxxxxxgist and researcher. I aspire to learn how to conduct research using techniques, such as the advanced technology of xxxxxxxxxxx (e.g. xxxxxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxxx, and xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx), that have always impressed me and use them to contribute to the field of xxxxxxxxxx. Being an open-minded, quick learner, further experiences in your laboratory will definitely strengthen my skill and knowledge, which, in turn, will enable me to serve children suffering from xxxxxxxxx diseases through my research work.

I look forward to the academic challenges and new endeavors.

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