**Personal Statement**

I am a pediatric xxxxxxxx, having an MD and Ph.D. As a clinician and researcher, I am enthusiastic about improving children’s health and development. I have a wide variety of clinical experiences from primary to tertiary care and from acute to chronic patient care phases. In terms of a research field, I have conducted a broad spectrum of studies such as the xxxxxxxx of xxxxxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxs of congenital xxxxxxxxxx disorders, and a retrospective study of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. I have learned comprehensive skills and knowledge regarding DNA, RNA, protein handling, transfection of cell cultures, analyzing xxxxxxxxxxx of xxxxxxxxxx, statistical analysis, oral presentation, and academic writing. Recognizing my contribution to pediatric science, the xxxxxxxxxxxxxx have named me an awardee of the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Program. This award has been established to provide an opportunity for young Japanese investigators to conduct research at US-based laboratories for postdoctoral training in the field of xxxxxxxxxxx. This honorable award led me to my mentor, xxxxxx xxxxxx’s lab in xxxxxxxx. I have an obligation and a right to do valuable research and become an outstanding researcher to contribute to the Japanese and American academic society and children’s health.

I feel confident and prepared to execute this project. The essential scientific expertise and skillsets I have gained through my previous studies will apply to my proposed research. Under the supervision of Dr. xxxxxxx, I have already had success in achieving preliminary data using a xxxxxxxxxxxx, which will be the basis of this project. This project will contribute to expanding treatment options for xxxxxxxxx and help me build a foundation as an independent translational researcher.

I look forward to the academic challenges and new endeavors.

Xxxxx Yyyyy, MD, PhD