*MICHR Letter of Support Template*

*Customize this template to your project and be specific about how you will utilize MICHR services in your research. Note the letter will be written to you and not to the funding agency or to reviewers. Once complete, email this letter to* *MICHRLetter@umich.edu**. Please allow 7 business days to receive your signed letter of support on MICHR letterhead.*

*Please contact us at 734-998-7474 or* *MICHRLetter@umich.edu* *with any questions or concerns.*

Date

 [Your name, title and full campus address]

Dear [your preferred form of address]-

As Director of the Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) and Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research in the Medical School, it gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support for [project title]. This project… [brief project description]. I believe MICHR is an important component of the excellent research environment here at the University of Michigan (U-M) that will foster the success of your endeavors.

As you know, U-M has a strong history of investment in centralized resources for clinical and translational research. In 2006, U-M regents created MICHR, which the NIH strengthened one year later by awarding U-M a Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) to support the institute. This five-year grant created an integrated home that aims to fulfill the visions that inspired the creation of MICHR: to accelerate the rate of biomedical discovery and apply what we know to improve health and well-being. MICHR’s CTSA award was renewed through a competitive process in 2012. MICHR's most recent NIH CTSA application was successful, with funding from 2017-2022. Additionally, Michigan Medicine makes a substantial contribution to support MICHR.

[Description of MICHR service(s) you will utilize that includes information available from [Resource Profiles](https://wiki.umms.med.umich.edu/display/RR/Michigan%2BInstitute%2Bfor%2BClinical%2Band%2BHealth%2BResearch%2B%28MICHR%29) AND specific details from your plan of support. Please see examples below for guidance in writing this section.]

I believe our rich service and support offerings are a demonstration of the overall commitment of U-M to build a thriving clinical and translational research enterprise. MICHR is a crucial component of the infrastructure and environment in which studies such as yours can thrive. Congratulations on your exciting proposal and I wish you the best of success with your application. All of us here at MICHR look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Sincerely,

George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research
Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Medical School
Bert N. La Du Professor & Associate Chair for Anesthesiology Research

Outlined below are examples of how you may customize your letter using information available from [Resource Profiles](https://wiki.umms.med.umich.edu/display/RR/Michigan%2BInstitute%2Bfor%2BClinical%2Band%2BHealth%2BResearch%2B%28MICHR%29). To ensure a strong letter, please only include resources that are relevant to your project and supplement the standard language with information specific to how the resource will support the studies proposed in your grant application.

**Example #1**

The MICHR IND/IDE Investigator Assistance Program (MIAP) was established to provide comprehensive regulatory support, guidance, and education services to faculty investigators involved in US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulated clinical research at the University of Michigan.  MIAP's primary focus is regulatory assistance to sponsor-investigators of a drugs, biologics, or medical devices. [**Specific information about how MIAP will provide support for your project**]

**Example #2**

The primary purpose of the Michigan Clinical Research Unit (MCRU) is to provide the resources and infrastructure necessary to conduct participant-oriented clinical research protocols at U-M. MCRU may host investigators funded by federal, state, and local agencies or the private sector. The main MCRU site is located in the U-M Medical School’s Cardiovascular Center (CVC). It comprises approximately 7,400 square feet of space, including research-only outpatient exam rooms, research-only overnight stay beds in private rooms, and administrative offices. MCRU also has three outpatient extension facilities located at Domino's Farms and the Rachel Upjohn Building. For studies that must be conducted in alternative locations, MCRU provides access to their mobile research support team, MCRU 2U. Their clinical staff provides integrated research support to clinical investigators and their study teams throughout the U-M campus and into the surrounding community. [**Specific information about how MCRU will provide support for your project**]