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| To VILLUM FONDEN | [DD Month 20YY] |
| **Letter of Support for Villum Young Investigator application**  **submitted by [name of applicant]**  **Title of project: [Title]**  With this letter, the [Department name] and [Section name] at University of Southern Denmark (SDU) wishes to express our strong support of Dr [name]´s application for a Villum Young Investigator grant.  Dr. [name] clearly has the scientific qualifications to be considered for a [tenure track position as Assistant Professor/permanent position as Associate Professor] at a Danish university. If [name] receives a Villum Young Investigator grant, it emphasizes the excellence of the applicant and SDU will strive to employ him/her in a [tenure track position as Assistant Professor/permanent position as Associate Professor] as soon as possible.  Dr. [name] has already demonstrated creative and independent thinking leading to competitive research results within the field of [short description of research topic]. It would be a pleasure for SDU to host the establishment of his/her first independent research group consisting of [mention number and titles of the team members].  The suggested research project concerning [description] is of strategic importance to the [Department name] because [explain why]. Hence, we are ready to provide the necessary facilities, infrastructure as well as administrative support for carrying out the project.  Dr. [name] will commit [x (often 6)] months of his/her time per year working specifically on the Villum Young Investigator project and SDU will co-finance [y (0-6)] months of this time per year. Moreover, the candidate will spend at least 80% of his/her total time on research and education within [natural and/or technical sciences]. | |

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