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Re: Statement to serve as trainee representative on the international DOHaD society council

Dear International DOHaD Society Council Members,

I am writing in response to a request for a short statement of why I am the best in-training candidate to serve on your council. My statement follows:

I have been in the field of DOHaD since I began as a researcher. While my honors year and PhD involved exclusively animal work, I have now transitioned into human research. Therefore, I feel I can adequately represent both basic and clinical researchers on the council. I recently became a trainee reviewer for your journal – the *Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease* – which helps me to stay up-to-date with basic research in the field. I also have experience working as part of large and varied teams. I conducted my PhD in collaboration with an industrial international partner, whom I reported to frequently via teleconference. This involved unique challenges, as I had to learn to effectively communicate and balance my own goals with the goals of my commercial funder. I also served as the only student member on the Liggins Institute Executive Board for two years, and was awarded the Liggins Institute student leadership award both of those years. As outlined in my CV, I have shown myself to be dedicated to the dissemination of DOHaD research through my public outreach, and I will bring this same passion to the position.

Yours sincerely,

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