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To the Faculty,

We are writing to ask you to consider supporting the student who has worked with you for the Dean's Prize for Research competition. This competition is open to all medical students and to first- and second-year students in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP).

To enter the competition, your student must submit a one-page abstract describing the research project and a letter of nomination from you to the Office of Curricular Affairs no later than **Friday, October 9 (electronically only to studentresearch@medsch.ucsf.edu)**. After reviewing the abstracts and letters of nomination, the Student Research Committee will select 5 finalists. Each finalist will make a 10-minute oral presentation to the Student Research Committee on **Friday, November 20, 2009** and one to three winners will be selected. The winning research talk(s) will be presented at a reception that will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**. Each winner will receive a citation of merit and a cash award.

We expect students to work closely with their sponsors in writing their abstracts. The abstract must contain a clear statement of the question or hypothesis investigated, a synopsis of the methods employed in the research, and a summary of the conclusions of the study. The Student Research Committee includes representatives from many disciplines, and the abstracts must be written so that they are intelligible to the entire committee.

Your letter of nomination should summarize the project, describe the student's role in it, and give your overall assessment of the student's research effort. If other individuals assisted the student or contributed to the work described in the abstract, please name those individuals and explain the roles they played. If another student working with you has submitted an application for an earlier Dean's Prize competition, please explain the relationship of the two projects. Please address the letter to the Student Research Committee.

Thank you again for contributing to the educational experience of our medical students and supporting UCSF's student research program.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Daniel H. Lowenstein in blue ink.

Dan Lowenstein, M.D.
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Handwritten signature of Mary Beattie in blue ink.

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