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**Application for an Irish Research Council Laureate award by [insert applicant’s full name]: Letter of Support by Dean/Head of Faculty or School**

Name of faculty

or school:

To the Director, Irish Research Council

I hereby confirm that the above named faculty/school [delete as appropriate] in [insert institution name], having considered the application of [insert applicant’s full name] to the Irish Research Council Laureate programme 2017, endorses the application as meeting a standard of excellence both in respect of the research proposal and the applicant.

I am inviting [insert applicant’s full name] to hold the award in the above named faculty/school should they be successful. The faculty/school agrees to provide [insert applicant’s full name] with the support necessary to successfully complete an award as an Irish Research Council Laureate.

By endorsing this application, the faculty/school is satisfied that the applicant has already demonstrated their potential for future European Research Council success. I confirm on behalf of the faculty/school that if the applicant is selected as a Laureate, s/he will be supported in making an application to the European Research Council, as is a requirement of the Laureate programme.

Yours sincerely,

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Signature

Print name:

Position:

Date and Institutional stamp: