



**2022 Memorial Sloan Kettering / Hospital for Special Surgery
Nursing Research Fellowship Joint Pilot Program**

Letter of Support & Endorsement Form

(from frontline Nurse Leader or Executive Nursing Leader)

_____ is applying for the Nursing Research Fellowship Program and requires an endorsement from either the Nurse Leader or the Executive Nursing Leadership, whichever one is responsible for providing support in protected time to participate in this program. If accepted, the potential nurse researcher must attend scheduled classes and online modules using protected-time or Indirect Days.

Potential Research Fellows are expected to present Leadership with an overview of a research project that aligns with MSK and HSS Strategic Goals for Nursing at the departmental or unit level. At the end of the program the Research Fellows will present their research projects at a Nursing Grand Rounds.

Time-line, Protected time and Continuing Education Credits:

The full program timeline is 18 months from the first class to a final presentation. A total of **18** protected days are required to attend formal classes and for independent assignments. The **9** days of formal classes may be virtual or in socially distant meeting rooms.

- **Months 1-3** there is one didactic class session each month.
- **Months 4-6** there are two sessions, usually one class day and one indirect day to work on aspects of the study.
- **Months 7-8 (Summer)** **Indirect days** are devoted to work on aspects of the study.
- **Months 9-10** there is 1 class day and **1 indirect day** to work on aspects of the study. *There may be extra dates for independent work with the nurse scientist mentors or symposia with specific focus on research practices.*

Acknowledgment:

_____ has discussed her research project with me and I will support his/her efforts to complete this program if he/she is accepted into the program.

Printed Name and title

Extension

Signature

Date