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Dear Catherin and committee,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for Dr. Kedar Ghimire for his application to enable him to apply to the IPITA and TTS for a Scientific Congress Travel Award to be able to attend the 2023 Combined IPITA, IXA, CTRMS congress in San Diego in October.

Kedar originally comes from **emerging economy country Nepal** and currently is **a young investigator** at Westmead Institute of Medical Research (WIMR). He has held the honorary title of a research fellow from April 2021 through to April 2024 at faculty of Medicine and Health, the University of Sydney. He has been a research member of TTS since 2021. He has no other means of support to be able to attend the meeting.

Kedar's current area of focus and study is related to examining the role of CD47 molecule in metabolism, specifically in Diabetes and Islet transplantation. The award will be important to support him to address the costs to attend the congress if his abstract titled "CD47 signalling limits insulin secretion and islet transplant outcomes" is selected for an oral presentation at the meeting.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Wayne Hawthorne