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Dear Professors Studer and Batten,

The goal of the Office of Postdoctoral Studies is to monitor the status and needs of the postdoctoral campus community and serve as an advocate for postdoctoral issues to the Vice Provost for Research and Cornell's administration. The Office was created in April 2005, at the recommendation of the provost's office.

The office supports a Postdoc Advisory Committee, which helps establish an identity for postdocs on campus. The office maintains an online Postdoc Handbook outlining benefits and resources available to the postdoc community, a web site, career services similar to those provided for graduate students, provides a variety of workshops designed specifically for postdocs including a Postdoc Leadership Program, and specialized orientation sessions and social activities. The office works with other departments at Cornell such as the Center for Teaching Excellence to provide postdocs with the opportunity to attend workshops and obtain certificates in teaching excellence. The office is also there to assist postdocs and PIs with any conflicts.

I look forward to working with the postdocs funded by your proposed NSF grant.

Sincerely,

Christine Holmes

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