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Dear Dean Hakim

I am writing this letter in support of Dominic Laroche, who is applying for a grant from the Dean’s fund for attending the International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS). The annual ICHPS is organized by the American Statistical Association and is an important way to disseminate novel statistical methods in order to better answer health policy research questions.

Dominic is a PhD student in Biostatistics who I have had the pleasure of working with both in and out of class. He is a hard-working and talented individual. He has finished most of his coursework and is currently working on writing a dissertation proposal.

Dominic presented a poster at ICHPS on spatial analysis of malaria risk in Kenya, which was joint work with myself and Kacey Ernst. This was his first major statistics conference. He ventured into the world of public health and made connections with experts in the field of health policy statistics.  He attended 4 workshops specific to statistics in public health: 1) Predictive Modeling on Data with Severe Class Imbalance, 2) Evaluating the Impact of Unmeasured Confounding in Comparative Observational Research, 3) Causal Inference in Healthcare Studies with Multiple Treatments, and 4) Bias Adjustment in Comparative Real World Data Research.  Please contact me if you have questions are would like further clarification.



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