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Dear Dr. Xu:

We are pleased to invite you to the University of Hawai'i, Office of Public Health Studies. We will help you apply for a J-1 visa. If we are successful, you will be appointed as a UH Visiting Colleague in the "exchange visitor category" of research scholar. Your UH program will begin after you and we complete all the necessary steps to acquire J-1 nonimmigrant status in the US, which may take several months. Your target start date is January 1, 2020 and your target end date is December 31, 2020.

I understand that your research interests focus on traditional Chinese medicine in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. You wish to learn more about the therapeutic effects of Western medicine and to advance your analytical skills for the investigations of traditional Chinese medicine in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

You will be able to join us for a variety of collaborative activities, including guest lectures, departmental seminars, and local public health events and meetings. You will be encouraged to meet with our graduates and faculty members in the same field and to discuss joint publications and research collaborations. We will provide office space for you in the Biomedical Sciences Building while you are here.

I understand that you will get financial support from your school to cover all travel and living expenses, including your round-trip airfare, accommodation rental, food, local transportation, and medical insurance.

The US Department of State requires UH to assure that your English language proficiency is sufficient for you to successfully participate in the program activities and to function in the community on a day-to-day basis. We will contact you shortly for the required documentation, or we will arrange a ZOOM interview. As a J-1 exchange visitor, you will be required to obtain and maintain adequate health insurance coverage for yourself. Please carefully review the health insurance requirements at www.hawaii.edu/fsis/j1/compliance#health.

Sincerely,

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