Letter must be on faculty letterhead

DATE

ADDRESS

Dear NAME,

I am delighted to offer you an appointment as an Associate of the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences from DATE through DATE. I look forward to working with you on TOPIC(S) OF RESEARCH.

I will cover the costs of your research while you are visiting the group, and it is my understanding that COMPANY/INSTITUTE will be providing your salary and benefits as this appointment is not benefits-eligible.

As a member of the Harvard community, you will have access to library and computer facilities, and you can purchase a membership for the Harvard recreational facilities.

All Harvard community members must comply with the University’s health and safety guidelines and protocols, including but not limited to those related to COVID-19, such as testing, masking, distancing, etc. Additionally, the University requires all Harvard community members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, remain up to date with COVID-19 vaccine boosters, and to report their vaccination status via the Harvard University Health Services portal, as detailed in [Harvard’s Vaccine & Booster Requirements](https://www.harvard.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-information/). You may claim exemption from the vaccination requirement for medical or religious reasons. Note that unvaccinated individuals are subject to additional public health measures (e.g., more frequent testing, more stringent masking, etc.) above and beyond what is required of vaccinated individuals. More information regarding the University’s COVID vaccination requirement and exemptions is available on the University’s “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” webpage: <http://www.harvard.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-information/>.

If you accept this appointment, please review and submit an electronic PDF of a signed hard copy of the [Harvard University Visitor Participation Agreement (VPA)](https://seas.harvard.edu/office-faculty-affairs/research-appointments/forms-appointees) to your Academic Appointments Manager. The VPA is designed to help carry out the Harvard University Intellectual Property Policy and other research policies.

Please also submit an electronic PDF of a signed hard copy of the [Acknowledgement of Risk and Release for Non-Harvard Personnel Using Harvard Research and Instructional Laboratory Facilities form](https://seas.harvard.edu/office-faculty-affairs/research-appointments/forms-appointees) to your Academic Appointments Manager before your arrival on campus. For information on other FAS and University policies pertaining to your appointment, please see the [FAS Appointment and Promotion Handbook](http://academic-appointments.fas.harvard.edu/).

I am enthusiastic about having you join my group. If you have any questions about your appointment, please contact Gina Scribner (scribner@seas.harvard.edu) OR Mary Taylor (mataylor@seas.harvard.edu) OR Brandon Tilghman (btilghman@seas.harvard.edu) in the Harvard SEAS Office for Faculty Affairs.

Sincerely,

signature

Faculty Member

Title

cc: Academic Appointments Manager