

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with deep pride and unwavering confidence that I write this letter in support of my wife, Jessica Oblak, and her application for the RNFOO Nurse Innovator Grant. I have had the privilege of standing beside Jessica since 2019, witnessing firsthand the strength, passion, and perseverance she brings to both her nursing career and her entrepreneurial journey.

Jessica's innovation (a copper-coated, ergonomically supportive scrub uniform) is not just a product; it's the culmination of lived experience, tireless research, and unshakable conviction. From her years working in critical care, including through the most difficult moments of the COVID-19 pandemic, to the late nights spent drafting designs and communicating with manufacturers, Jessica has poured her heart and expertise into solving a problem she knows intimately: the physical and emotional toll of frontline work.

As a chemist working with Health Canada, I can confidently speak to the merit of her focus on infection prevention and materials science. Her decision to incorporate copper (a proven antimicrobial agent) into a high-function, thoughtfully designed uniform is grounded in sound scientific rationale. What makes her approach even more impressive is that she balances innovation with practicality, seeking ways to remain compliant with regulations while still creating something accessible, stylish, and effective for nurses.

Jessica's ability to navigate complex prototyping challenges, supplier issues, and even near defeats with grace and grit is a testament to her character. I've seen her pivot when manufacturers let her down, rebuild when products didn't meet her standards, and still choose to launch during Nursing Week; not just as a business milestone, but as a celebration of her peers.

She doesn't give up. Ever.

Jessica is the kind of nurse, innovator, and leader that our healthcare system needs more of. Her unwavering drive to protect, uplift, and empower her colleagues through design is inspiring. I have no doubt that, given the opportunity and support from RNFOO, she will bring her innovation to life in a way that honors the profession and improves lives.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson Kar Hay Wong', written in a cursive style.

Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in full support of Jessica Oblak's application for the RNFOO Nurse Innovator Grant. As a professional patternmaker with extensive experience in apparel development, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Jessica across two phases of her journey. First from 2018 to 2020, and again during her recent preparations for her company's first soft launch.

Jessica and I originally connected through the Fashion Zone at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), where she stood out as a nurse-founder with a compelling vision: to reimagine medical uniforms with functionality in mind. Even at that early stage, her design direction was guided by a unique combination of clinical insight and creative intuition. I was impressed by her deep commitment to solving real problems faced by healthcare workers; not just theoretically, but through evidence-based design and iterative prototyping.

Though we both eventually moved on from the Fashion Zone, we recently reconnected as Jessica prepared for the soft launch of her company. I have been brought back on to help refine the construction and fit of her signature copper-coated scrub pants, which feature an innovative integrated pocket support panel. A design I believe holds real commercial and clinical potential. Her ability to take feedback, troubleshoot manufacturing challenges, and stay grounded in the user's needs speaks volumes about her dedication and professionalism.

What sets Jessica apart is her willingness to evolve without compromising her mission. Despite facing setbacks and delays (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic) she remained committed to her vision. Her soft launch was not just a product release; it was the beginning of a solution for nurses who deserve uniforms that support their work, their bodies, and their health.

I've worked with many designers, but few bring the purpose and clarity that Jessica does. Her nursing background, paired with a strong design sensibility and a thoughtful approach to innovation, make her a perfect candidate for this grant. I am confident she will make full use of the opportunity to take her product to the next stage.

Sincerely,

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