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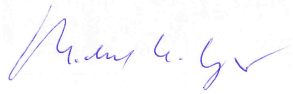
Dear Colleagues:

Through this letter, I would like to express my interest in participating as a "Senior Investigator" at the **Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology** (MIISSB) that you direct. As a *Senior Investigator* I will be eager to provide counseling and scientific & technical support to help steering the MIISSB in its scientific mission, in order to help it succeed locally and internationally.

Although I have not collaborated with MIISSB labs in the past, I am familiar with Dr. Larrondo's research, in the context of his published work on circadian control of fungal virulence and clocks mechanisms, as well as with unpublished work dealing with synthetic oscillators. My lab at The Rockefeller University was the first to investigate the molecular biology of circadian rhythms and we have since then made seminal contributions to the field of circadian clocks, unveiling mechanistic details and providing important insights into dysfunctions related to the timing of gene activities underlying visual functions, locomotion, metabolism, immunity, learning and memory. Our most recent work has identified the molecular and genetic basis of a prevalent human sleep disorder, adding an important new branch of translational science to our research portfolio.

During the past 13 years, in addition to running a research program at Rockefeller, I have served in our administration in the capacity of Vice President for Academic Affairs, gaining important experience in strategic planning related to all areas of the University's research program. Therefore, I believe I can provide a broad view of contemporary biomedical science and informed insights into the academic mission of the Millennium Institute, helping steering its educational and scientific mission.

Sincerely,



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