Dear [campus dean or person of equal or higher authority for institution],

I am writing to ask for your nomination to apply to the 2022-2023 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Senior Leadership Development Program (SLDP).

Now in its fifth year, the SLDP is tailored to develop the skills necessary for leaders in colleges of osteopathic medicine (COM) to excel in their careers. The upcoming program has increased content and less travel than in previous years. In addition to the expanded core curriculum content, each participant will select one of the three elective tracks: Women in Leadership; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging and Learning and Curriculum.

The structure of SLDP provides a unique opportunity for one-on-one and group engagement with experienced COM deans who serve as mentors. Small and highly interactive, the SLDP fosters learning and networking with colleagues from institutions across the country. The SLDP concludes with a capstone project that requires teams to research a critical issue facing COMs. The project outcome is a manuscript and publication, pending peer review, from which all osteopathic medical education can benefit.

Three times per year I will spend 2-3 days off campus to attend in-person training and participate in collaborative workgroups with my peers. The program begins July 2022 and concludes April 2023 at Educating Leaders, the AACOM Annual Conference.

If selected, participants are responsible for travel expenses and the **tuition of $9,500**. The SLDP will not only be beneficial for my career development, but also for the benefit of our institution. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you throughout the year to discuss what I am learning from the program and how I can apply this learning at our COM. I am also prepared to share SLDP ideas with other faculty through lunch and learns or similar events at the completion of the program.

The application process requires me to document my strengths and weakness, describe how this program will help me develop my leadership skills and select one of the three focus areas. I would like to pursue the ***FILL IN BLANK*** elective track. Additionally, I will be required to submit my CV and a letter of support from my institution. AACOM has provided an example of the [Letter of Support](https://www.aacom.org/docs/default-source/sldp/sldp-sample-letter-of-support.docx?sfvrsn=fd2e0097_2). I appreciate your nomination and will work to make sure we both receive the full value of this exceptional program.

Do I have your support to apply for this program? I’m happy to meet in person to discuss further.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME HERE]