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STARS Innovation Credit: Green Labs  
Letter of Affirmation  
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This letter is to confirm that the Innovation credit that UCR is submitting is in fact unique and adds to campus sustainability.

UCR is one of the few campuses across the country that has a Green Labs program. UCR's program is unique in that it is specifically designed to address laboratory sustainability in a holistic manner, comprehensively addressing energy and water conservation as well as waste reduction and recycling both at an institutional and individual lab level.

UCR is currently running one of the largest laboratory equipment metering projects in the United States, and through this project is realizing energy savings as a result of behavior change initiatives. In fact, the energy data gathered by UCR is being used by other campuses to justify the implementation of similar programs. UCR is also the first campus in the US to meter the water usage of their autoclave/sterilizers, and they have begun a pilot recycling program to divert laboratory waste from the landfill.

UCR continues to innovate in the area of green labs, making them a leader in the field and a model for other campuses.

Sincerely,

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