

From: [President Dennis Assanis](#)
To: [Tania Roth](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Tania Roth's research
Date: Saturday, June 23, 2018 9:38:27 PM

Hi Tania,

FYI. Please let me know if we can support you in any other way.

Your excellent research is already making a strong impact and there is more to come!

Best,
Dennis

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Subject: **Support for Tania Roth's research**

Dear Dr. Simons and Psychological & Brain Sciences Colleagues,

Thank you for sharing with me the letter from the faculty of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences regarding Dr. Tania Roth's important research in the field of behavioral epigenetics. I sincerely appreciate and unequivocally support Dr. Roth in the face of baseless criticism of her work.

In recent weeks, the University has supported Dr. Roth in several ways. Many colleagues — including Provost Robin Morgan and Vice President for Research, Scholarship & Innovation Charlie Riordan — have spoken to Dr. Roth about the criticism she has received and offered their advice and encouragement. The University has fielded media inquiries on her behalf, reiterating the value of her research and explaining how her research helps children who have been abused and traumatized.

Going forward, we will continue to promote the vital impact of Dr. Roth's excellent research. Indeed, the most important and effective way to support Dr. Roth is to support her work, and the University of Delaware is committed to

doing so. We are a top-tier research university, and no amount of unfounded criticism will deter us from fulfilling our essential mission.

Again, thank you for expressing the faculty's support of Dr. Roth and her research. I wish you and all of your colleagues a productive and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Dennis Assanis

President