



December 18, 2020

Provost Boehm  
Office of the Provost  
University of Louisville

Dear Provost Boehm,

This letter is in support of the new proposed degree, a Doctorate in Social Work (DSW). The DSW degree has been developed over the past several years and is designed to meet current student interest and market demand in this area. I support the proposal and note that it meets strategic goals of both the University and the Kent School. The addition of the new program has undergone review by the Kent School faculty and the Kent Budget Office and has passed with a majority of support at each stage of review.

The DSW proposal has been coordinated by Dr. Bibhuti Sar who is a Social Work faculty member and has served as our PhD Director in the Kent School. This advanced practice degree is a natural extension of our other Social Work degrees in the Kent School, part of a strong national demand for the degree, and has support from our students and alumni. The addition of this degree will keep us competitive with other Social Work programs in the area and fill a workforce need for educators and leaders in social services.

The degree proposal contains two new term faculty and an additional staff position. All of these positions will be supported with our Kent School funds for new initiatives until the program can become self-sufficient. I plan to continue to properly support the DSW Program as it grows and changes over the years. I highly endorse the proposal and look forward to the addition of the degree and the ability to offer it to students of the Kent School.

Sincerely,

David Jenkins, Dean