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## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR CHOOSE OHIO FIRST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXTERNAL REVIEW PANEL**

*Program is major new initiative to significantly strengthen Ohio's competitiveness in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEM) and STEM education*

COLUMBUS – Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut today requested that presidents and other representatives of public and private universities and colleges submit names of appropriate professionals to serve on the *Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program* External Review Panel.

The panel will consist of experts in the STEM, medical, and STEM education disciplinary areas who live and work outside of the State of Ohio. They will be charged with reviewing submitted *Choose Ohio First* proposals and making recommendations directly to the Chancellor. Nominations for service on this panel should be sent via email to Dr. Harry Andrist, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Advancement, at [handrist@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:handrist@regents.state.oh.us).

Each nomination should include the full name, professional title, and contact information, including telephone number and email address, for the expert being nominated along with

a synopsis of the expert's relevant background information. To be considered, nominations must be received on or before Monday, November 19, 2007.

### **About the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program**

Following the General Assembly's creation of the *Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program*, Chancellor Fingerhut earlier this month requested proposals from Ohio's higher education institutions that seek to recruit and graduate more Ohio students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (the "STEM Fields").

The *Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program* is a 2-year, \$100 million investment that targets universities and colleges recruiting Ohio residents into current STEM programs, supporting the increased success of students in those fields, and making substantive improvements to the pipeline of STEM students and STEM educators. The program is open to both public and private institutions. Individual colleges and universities may receive up to \$10 million per institutional award to be used strictly to fund individual tuition scholarships to Ohio students in the range of \$1500 to \$4700 per year to each student. Scholarship recipients must be residents of Ohio.

Public and private universities and colleges are invited to apply for grants through the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program. Letters of interest from university and college presidents must be submitted to the Chancellor by November 7, 2007, and proposals are due on January 22, 2008. The RFP was issued on September 26, 2007, and is available at [http://regents.ohio.gov/news/press\\_releases/2007/RFP092607.pdf](http://regents.ohio.gov/news/press_releases/2007/RFP092607.pdf).

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