

## Choose Ohio First Computer Science and Related Areas RFP

### Special Request for Choose Ohio First (COF) Proposals in Computer Science and Related Areas:

RFP Release: July 12, 2019

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Monday, August 26 - 11:59 p.m.**

#### 1. Overview and Scope:

Choose Ohio First began in 2008 as a way to increase the number of Ohio residents entering into and successfully completing science, technology, engineering, math or medicine (STEMM) majors at Ohio's public and private colleges and universities. Details of the general COF program are outlined in the following sections of Ohio Revised Code: 3333.61 through 3333.69.

The Chancellor seeks proposals from Ohio public and Ohio independent universities and colleges for designated degree and certificate programs in computer science and related areas for Choose Ohio First Scholars. The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program assigns a number of scholarships to universities and colleges to recruit Ohio residents who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1C of this proposal.

Any Ohio public or independent university or college may apply as a sole applicant or as a lead applicant in partnership with other Ohio public universities and colleges, independent universities and colleges, career and technical centers, state-level organizations, or business entities as outlined in Ohio Revised Code: 3333.62. A university or college may submit multiple proposals and other entities may be included in multiple proposals.

Choose Ohio First scholarships are student-centered grants from the state to students to use to attend a university or college and are not grants from the state to universities or colleges. Choose Ohio First Scholarships are awarded to each participating eligible scholar as a grant to the state university or college the student is attending and are reflected on the scholar's tuition bill.

### **a.) Eligible Applicants**

Ohio public and independent universities and colleges, acting alone or in collaboration with one or more public or independent universities or colleges, are eligible to compete as applicants in proposing computer science and related programs for Choose Ohio First designation.

### **b.) Eligible Academic Disciplines**

Only specific computer science and related academic programs are eligible for Choose Ohio First designation. A full list of designated CIP codes can be found [here](#).

### **c.) Eligible Students**

For this Choose Ohio First Computer Science Programs of Innovation, eligible students include one of the following:

- 1) Students who are enrolling as degree seeking at the institution in a designated computer science or related field.
- 2) Undergraduate students currently enrolled at the institution seeking an internal transfer into a designated computer science or related degree program.
- 3) Undergraduate students, currently enrolled at the institution seeking to add a certificate in computer science or a related area to their academic program.
- 4) Licensed k-12 teachers seeking a computer science endorsement.

### **d.) Available Funding**

Funding for Choose Ohio First Scholars enrolled in designated Choose Ohio First programs is dependent on available funding as appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly. If funding is eliminated or reduced at the state or campus level, priority will be given to support the completion of currently enrolled Choose Ohio First Scholars students.

Ohio Revised Code 3333.66 establishes a maximum annual per-student scholarship award calculated each year as prescribed in law. As a point of reference, the maximum annual per-student scholarship award in 2018-2019 is **\$7,689.00**. The 2019-2020 maximum scholarship is projected to be equal to or greater than the 2018-2019 amount.

Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-61 establishes a minimum college/university award at \$100,000 and a maximum college/university award at \$10,000,000.

## **2. Program Process:**

RFP release date: July 12, 2019

Deadline to submit proposals: August 26, 2019

Public award announcement: September 2019

Award agreements distributed: TBD (Contingent on Controlling Board approval)

Grant cycle begins: January 1, 2020

Grant cycle closes: June 30, 2025

### **3. Program Term:**

The program term will be up to five academic years (AY 2020-2025). Funding notifications will be disbursed annually by October 1 of the upcoming academic year to allow for students to enroll as early as January 1, 2020. Respondents must be have proposed CIP codes/academic programs in place by October 21, 2019 for recruiting purposes. Respondents supporting teacher computer science endorsement programs will have an extended deadline of July 1, 2020 to have their CIP codes/academic programs in place.

### **4. Proposal Criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated in compliance with the competitive process for program awards set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3333.62.

All applications must minimally meet the following required elements: a proposal that would result in increased higher education participation and completion of Ohio students in the STEMM and STEMM Education fields; a commitment that awarded funds would be reflected as "Choose Ohio First Scholarship" on each scholar's tuition bill; an evaluation plan documenting the scope and outcomes of the project; a plan for collecting required data from students and monitoring/reporting the employment and other success measures of graduates; and a plan to utilize Ohio's In-Demand Jobs list found on OhioMeansJobs as a guideline to key industry sectors and local/regional workforce needs.

Ohio Revised Code 3333.64 endeavors to make awards under the choose Ohio first scholarship program such that the aggregate, statewide amount of other institutional, public, and private money pledged to the proposals in each fiscal year equals at least one hundred per cent of the aggregate amount of the money awarded. If this proposal is accepted, the campus(es) are required to cost share for every dollar used in scholarship funding.

### **5. Evaluation & Proposal Scoring Criteria:**

The Chancellor's staff and appointed review team will evaluate RFP responses based on predetermined criteria. The Chancellor reserves the right to contact any reference to assist in the evaluation of the proposal, in order to independently verify information contained in the proposal.

Successful proposals will emphasize academic areas most relevant to the Ohio economic needs in computer science and related areas, which would include degree and certificate programs at two-year and four-year campuses.

Successful proposals will highlight where matching funds or cost share will significantly enhance the program(s) being offered and sustain the success of the program(s) on the campus. Matching funds shall minimally match the amount requested in scholarship funds and may exceed the amount requested.

Successful applications will result in a Choose Ohio First Program of Innovation designation and these programs will be eligible to enroll Choose Ohio First Scholars beginning in January of 2020.

All proposals will be reviewed by the Chancellor and his designees, which will include an external panel of STEMM content experts. This application is designed to align with the critical industry workforce needs of Ohio, ensure efficient distribution of the scholarship funds, and strengthen coordination of efforts at all Choose Ohio First universities and colleges. Please refer to the Choose Ohio First Proposal Scoring Rubric for information on scoring criteria and weighting to inform your proposal development.

## **6. Reporting Requirements:**

For three additional years following the completion of the project period, the institution will be required to submit an annual report detailing the overall status of the project.

We encourage students to complete the annual FAFSA prior to the scholarship award.

Private institutions participating in Choose Ohio First are required to submit Student Enrollment Files and Graduation/Certificate Earned Files to HEI once ODHE has the infrastructure in place. They may be required to submit such data in an alternative manner prior to the availability of the HEI system.

## **7. Legal Notice & Disclaimers; Obligations to Local, State & Federal Governments:**

All information submitted in response to this RFP become property of the Chancellor and is public information unless a statutory exception exists that exempts it from public release under the Ohio Public Records Act, as defined in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Chancellor reserves the right to request or use additional information to assist in the review process, to require new proposals from interested parties, to reject any or all proposals responding to this RFP, or to re-issue, modify or cancel the RFP if it is determined that it is in the best interests of the institutions and/or the state. Issuing this RFP does not bind the Chancellor to issuing a contract. The Chancellor administers the process and reserves the right to adjust the dates for this

process for whatever reasons are deemed appropriate. All costs incurred in preparation of a proposal shall be borne by the respondents and are not recoverable under an award. The decisions of the Chancellor are final. Respondents will be notified of the outcome of their proposal at the conclusion of the review process.

The respondents understand that the information provided in this RFP is intended solely to assist in the proposal submission process. To the best of the Chancellor’s knowledge, the information provided is accurate; however, the Chancellor does not warrant such accuracy and any errors or omissions subsequently determined will not be construed as a basis for invalidating this RFP. Interested parties bear the sole responsibility of obtaining the necessary information to submit a qualifying proposal. By submitting a proposal, respondents expressly agree to these terms.

**Lead Institution:**

Institution Name:

Name of Program(s) Proposed:

Total amount of scholarship dollars requested for proposal:

Percentage of funds to be awarded to lead institution of total amount requested:

**Lead Institution Contacts:**

	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email	Phc
Choose Ohio First Program Director (Designated Faculty)	<input type="text"/>				
Official Legal Notice	<input type="text"/>				
Official Legal Notice	<input type="text"/>				
Authorized Signatory	<input type="text"/>				
Financial Aid Coordinator	<input type="text"/>				

**Partner Institution 1 (if applicable):**

Institution Name

Percentage of funds to be awarded to partner of total amount requested:

Brief summary of proposed partnership, roles and future communication between partners

Number of scholars to be recruited per year/cohort

**Partner Institution 1 Contacts:**

	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email	Phc
Choose Ohio Program Director (Designated Faculty)	<input type="text"/>				
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Official Legal Notice	<input type="text"/>				
Authorized Signatory	<input type="text"/>				
Financial Aid Coordinator	<input type="text"/>				

**Partner Institution 2 (if applicable):**

Institution Name

Percentage of funds to be awarded to partner of total amount requested:

Brief summary of proposed partnership, roles and future communication between partners

Number of scholars to be recruited per year

**Partner Institution 2 Contacts:**

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Email	Phc
Choose Ohio Program Director (Designated Faculty)	<input type="text"/>				
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Official Legal Notice	<input type="text"/>				
Authorized Signatory	<input type="text"/>				
Financial Aid Coordinator	<input type="text"/>				

**Partner Institution 3 (if applicable):**

Institution Name

Percentage of funds to be awarded to partner of total amount requested:

Brief summary of proposed partnership, roles and future communication between partners

Number of scholars to be recruited per year

**Partner Institution 3 Contacts:**

	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email
Choose Ohio First Program Director (Designated Faculty)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Proposal Abstract

Please summarize the goals and objectives of the proposed program. Please summarize as if you were writing for a student or industry partner to better understand the benefits of the program. (Character limit: 3,000)

### Recruitment Plan (25 points)

Please describe the recruitment plan for first time, degree and certificate seeking students as well as for recruiting internal transfer students into the proposed program, if applicable. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Lead Institution	<input type="text"/>
Partner 1	<input type="text"/>
Partner 2	<input type="text"/>
Partner 3	<input type="text"/>

Please include a letter of commitment from the Office of Admissions from all participating campuses:

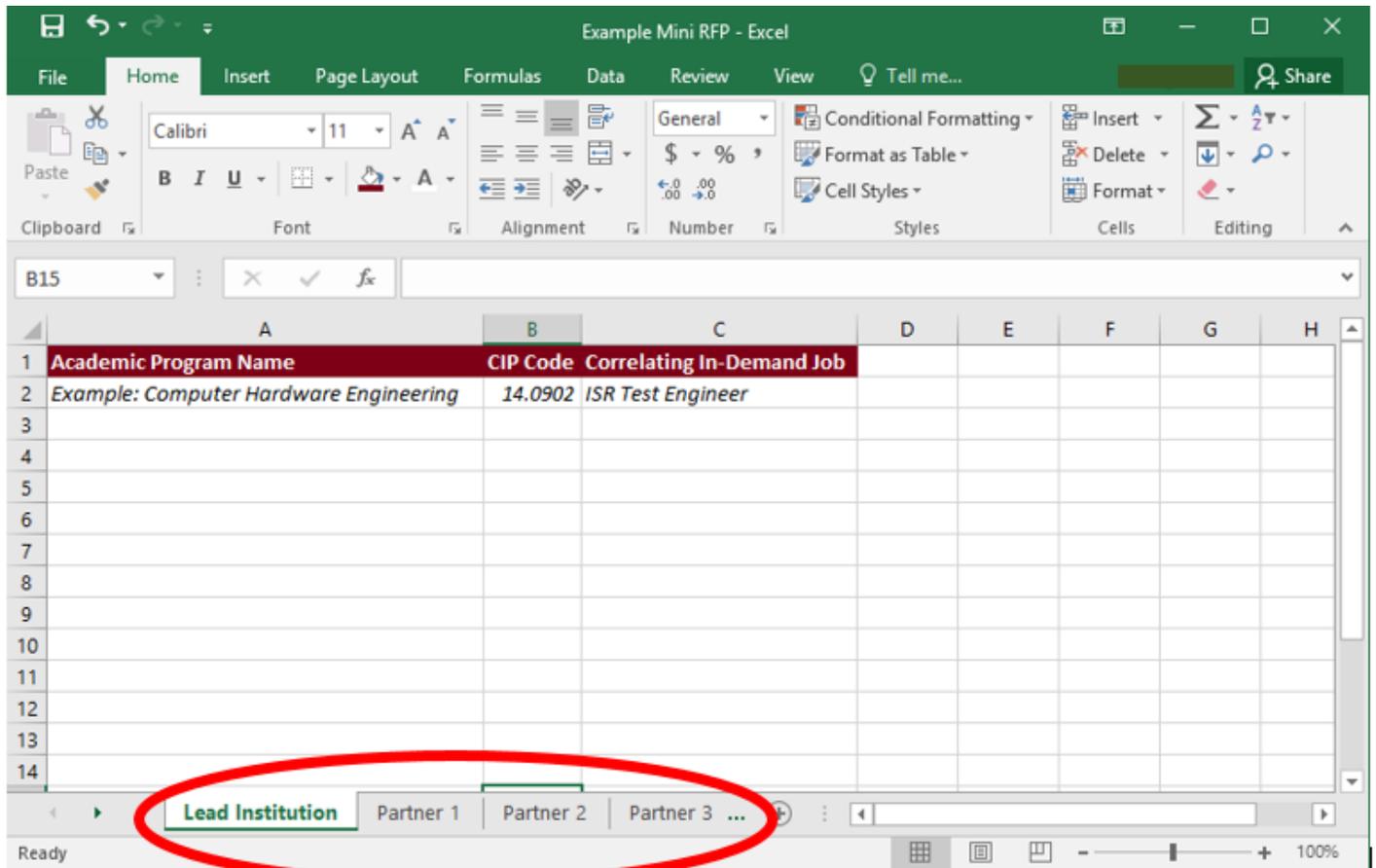
Please provide the names, title, and biographies of personnel responsible for recruiting for the proposed COF program:

	First Name	Last Name	Title	Biography/Roles & Responsibilities to COF
Lead Institution	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Lead Institution				Responsible for
Lead Institution				
Partner 1				
Partner 1				
Partner 1				
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Academic Programs; Proposed programs must align with the 6 digit CIP codes the Chancellor has designated for this special request. To review a list of approved CIP codes, please click [here](#):

*If submitting a program for the computer science teacher endorsement, use CSTEND as the 6 digit CIP code.*



See the sample above to upload an excel file with the proposed academic program names, CIP codes and correlating [In-Demand jobs](#).

### Exclusive Programming (25 points)

Using the chart below, please describe the following academic and student support services that will be available **exclusively** to COF scholars through the COF program:

	COF Orientation/Seminar	COF tutoring; mentoring; advising	COF designation space including but not limited to living learning community, COF office	COF research conference	COF special events including workforce workshops, field experiences,	COF Social Activities	Other
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lead Institution							
Funded Partner 1 Institution (if applicable)							
Funded Partner 2 Institution (if applicable)							
Funded Partner 3 Institution (if applicable)							

Please upload a Gantt Chart or timeline listing administrative, academic and social activities within the five year grant cycle:

\*Note: Proposals with funded partners can list all activities in one Gantt Chart labeled per campus.

## State and Regional Computer Science Economic Needs (20 points)

Please detail and provide evidence for the state's need for programs in this/these academic area(s) as documented by [OhioMeansJobs](#) and/or the [Department of Job and Family Services In-Demand Occupations](#). If the needs are regional, please provide data to document the need. (Character limit: 3,000)

Please include a letter of commitment from the Office of Career Services from all participating campuses:

## Internships and Co-ops (20 points)

What percentage of students receiving the scholarships will be involved in a co-op or internship? Co-ops and internships are defined in [Ohio Revised Code: 3333.71](#). Please note ORC 3333.64 requires the Chancellor to monitor the choose Ohio first scholarship program in such a way that at least fifty per cent of the students receiving the scholarships are involved in a co-op or internship program in a private industry or a university laboratory.

0   10   20   30   40   50   60   70   80   90   100

Average percentage of scholars participating in internships and/or co-ops

Please describe internships and CO-OP opportunities exclusive to the proposed program. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Please describe workforce engagement opportunities available exclusively to COF scholars and any company collaborations. (Character Limit: 3,000)

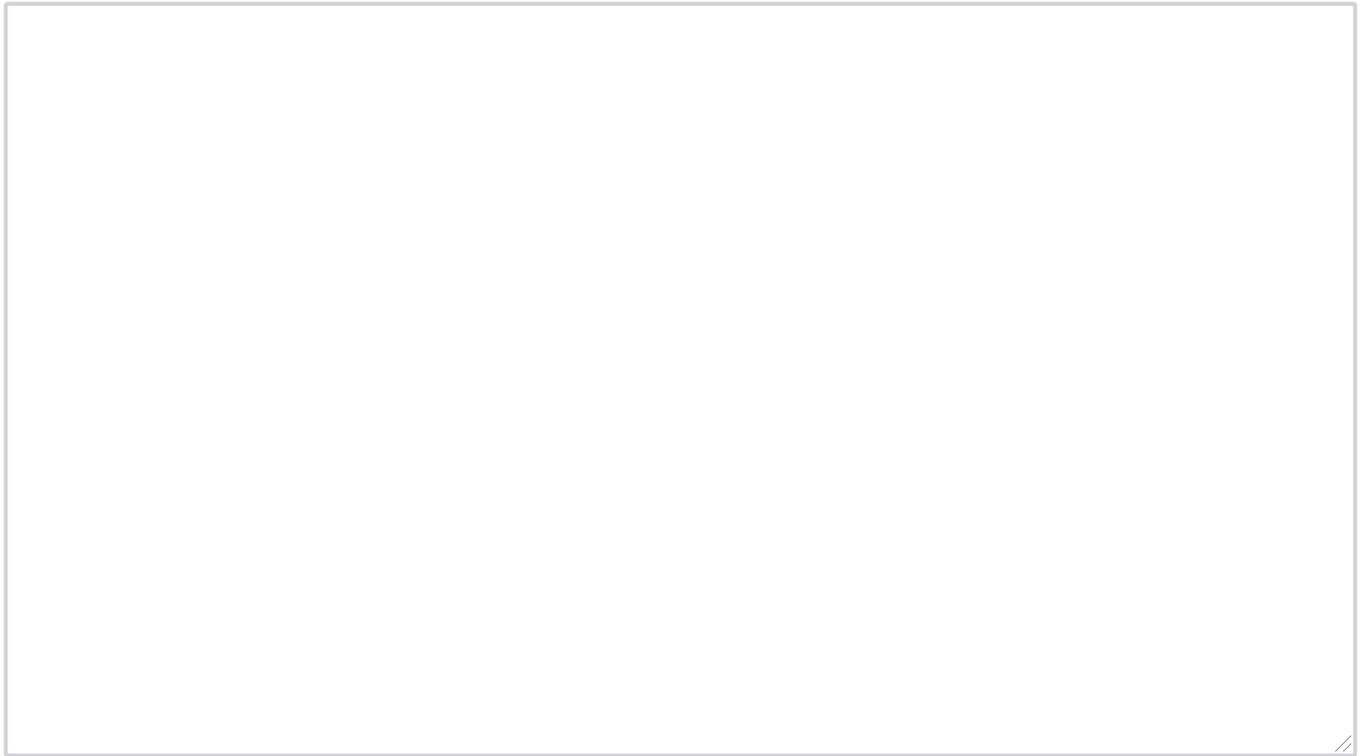
### **ORC Qualification (10 points)**

ORC 3333.62 states The chancellor shall determine which proposals will receive awards each fiscal year, and the amount of each award, on the basis of the merit of each proposal, which the chancellor, subject to approval by the controlling board, shall determine based on one or more of the following criteria.

*Please describe how your program will address at least one of the following criteria from ORC. Please only discuss the criteria that **best fit** your proposal; your program does not need to meet all of the criteria.* (Character Limit: 6,000)

- A) The quality of the program that is the subject of the proposal and the extent to which additional resources will enhance its quality;
- (B) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the strengths of the regional economy;
- (C) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with centers of research excellence within the private sector;
- (D) The amount of other institutional, public, or private resources, whether monetary or nonmonetary, that the proposal pledges to leverage;
- (E) The extent to which the proposal is collaborative with other public or nonpublic Ohio institutions of higher education;
- (F) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the university's or college's mission and does not displace existing resources already committed to the mission;
- (G) The extent to which the proposal facilitates a more efficient utilization of existing faculty and programs;

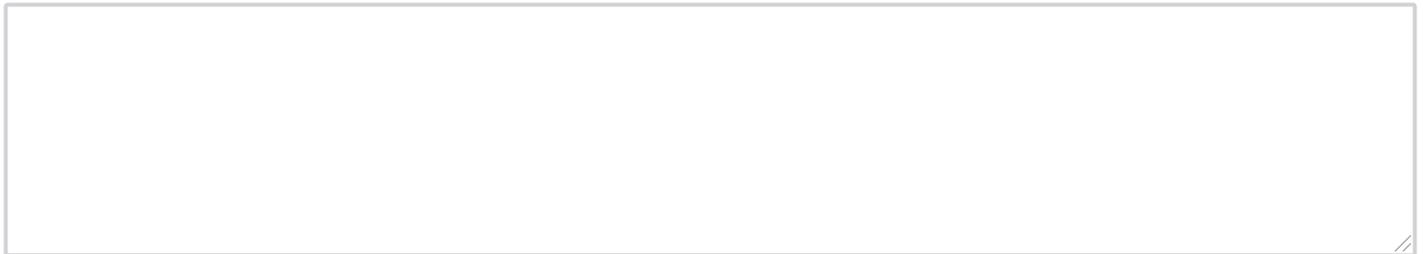
- (H) The extent to which the proposal meets a statewide educational need;
- (I) The demonstrated productivity or future capacity of the students or scientists to be recruited;
- (J) The extent to which the proposal will create additional capacity in educational or economic areas of need;
- (K) The extent to which the proposal will encourage students who received degrees in the computer science or a related field from two-year institutions to transfer to state universities or colleges to pursue baccalaureate degrees in computer science or related fields
- (L) The extent to which the proposal encourages students enrolled in state universities to transfer into computer science and related fields
- (M) The extent to which the proposal facilitates the completion of a baccalaureate degree in a cost-effective manner, for example, by facilitating students' completing two years at a two-year institution and two years at a state university or college;
- (N) The extent to which the proposal allows attendance at a state university or college of students who otherwise could not afford to attend;
- (O) The extent to which other institutional, public, or private resources pledged to the proposal will be deployed to assist in sustaining students' scholarships over their academic careers;
- (P) The extent to which the proposal increases the likelihood that students will successfully complete their degree programs in computer science or related fields
- (Q) The extent to which the proposal ensures that a student who is awarded a scholarship is appropriately qualified and prepared to successfully complete a degree program in computer science or related fields
- (R) The extent to which the proposal will increase the number of women and underrepresented students participating in the choose Ohio first scholarship program.



### **Institutional Matching Resource Commitment**

Please describe the amount of institutional, public, or private resources, whether monetary or non-monetary, that the proposal pledges to leverage. Please indicate the match ratio that would result from these resources. (Character Limit: 2,000)

**Note:** The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program requires a minimum 1:1 match from the institution.



### **Final Step**

**Please select the "Next" button below to submit your proposal. This is the final step to submitting your proposal. No edits will be available after you press "Next".**

**Thank you for submitting a Choose Ohio First proposal!**

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