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Overview

The Ohio Innovation Partnership, set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3333.61, aims to strengthen the ability of the state and its residents to compete in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine (STEMM), and STEMM education.

One component of the Ohio Innovation Partnership, the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, provides scholarship support to Ohio residents enrolled in Choose Ohio First designated undergraduate and graduate programs in Ohio universities and colleges. Choose Ohio First designation may be granted to specified academic programs at an Ohio university or college.

The Chancellor seeks proposals from Ohio public and Ohio independent universities and colleges for STEMM and STEMM education academic programs for Choose Ohio First Scholars. 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. A university or college may submit multiple proposals and other entities may be included in multiple proposals.

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

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 academic programs for Choose Ohio First designation. As a condition of Choose Ohio First designation, the STEMM or STEMM education program commits to implement strategies and initiatives to recruit and ensure academic success for enrolled students.

Eligible Academic Disciplines

[Academic programs within STEMM and STEMM education academic disciplines](#) are eligible for Choose Ohio First designation.

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 *minimum* annual per-student scholarship award of \$1,500.00. The *maximum* annual per-student scholarship award is calculated each year as prescribed in law. As a point of reference, the *maximum* annual per-student scholarship award in 2016-2017 is \$7,061.00. The 2017-2018 maximum scholarship is projected to be equal to or greater than the 2016-2017 amount.

[Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-61.4](#) establishes a minimum college/university award at \$100,000 and a maximum college/university award at \$10,000,000.

Priority

Successful proposals will emphasize STEMM areas most relevant to the Ohio economy, which would include all degree programs in the physical and biological sciences, engineering and mathematics, including programs such as two-year technical degrees and four-year technology degrees, medical, nursing and allied health fields as well as STEMM education programs.

[In-Demand Occupations](#) in STEMM fields identified by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation include but are not limited to: pharmacy, architecture and engineering, computer and information systems, natural sciences, engineering (all fields), financial management, computer network architecture, physician assistant, software development, information security analysis, biomedical engineering, physical and occupational therapy, chemistry, accounting, and nursing aides.

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 fall of 2017.

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.

Required Criteria

All applications must minimally meet the following required elements: a plan that would result in increased higher education participation and completion of Ohio undergraduate and graduate students in the STEM and STEM Education fields; a commitment that award 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.

Please refer to the [Choose Ohio First 2016 Proposal Scoring Rubric](#) for information on scoring criteria and weighting to inform your proposal development.

Completing the Proposal

Please respond to all items on this proposal form. To navigate through the form, scroll up and down using your mouse or the scroll bar on the right side of the browser window. [The proposal can be completed over multiple sessions. To do so, please bookmark the form link so that you can return to your proposal form and continue to populate the required fields.](#) Once you are prepared to submit the proposal, press the "Next" button on the last item.

Please provide the following information:

Institution Name	<input type="text"/>
Complete Listing of Partnership Institutions For Proposed Program (if any):	<input type="text"/>
Name of Program(s) Proposed	<input type="text"/>
Name of Program Director	<input type="text"/>
Email Address of Program Director	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number of Program Director	<input type="text"/>

Program Director Curriculum Vitae

Please upload the current curriculum vitae of the Program Director.

Proposal Abstract

Please summarize the goals and objectives of the proposed program(s). 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)

State and Regional Economic Needs

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)

Collaboration

If applicable, describe any proposed collaboration with other Ohio public or nonpublic institutions of higher education. Please indicate if the collaboration would provide articulated pathways for Choose Ohio First Scholars. (Character limit: 3,000)

Alignment to Institutional Mission and Enhancing Existing Resource Commitments

Please describe how the proposal aligns with the university/college mission and would not supplant existing resources. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Efficient Utilization of Resources

Please describe how the proposed program would facilitate efficient utilization of existing faculty, programs and other resources. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Statewide and/or Regional Educational Need

Please detail and provide evidence of how the proposed program would meet an unmet or under-met statewide and/or regional educational need in the short-term and the long-term. Please include information on similar academic programs available within the region and the state. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Encourage Associate to Baccalaureate Transfer

If applicable, please describe how the proposed program would encourage students who received STEM degrees from two-year institutions to pursue STEM baccalaureate degrees in Ohio. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Note: Past Choose Ohio First performance data will be included in the evaluation of proposals from institutions that have received prior Choose Ohio First awards.

Encourage STEM Enrollment

If applicable, describe how the proposed program would encourage students to transfer into high demand STEM programs. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Facilitates Low-Cost Completion

Please describe how the proposed program would facilitate the completion of a STEMM credential in a cost-effective manner. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Recruitment Plan

Please describe the recruitment plan for the proposed program. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Scholar Selectivity

Please describe how the proposed program would ensure that a student who is awarded a scholarship is appropriately qualified and prepared to successfully complete a STEMM or STEMM education program. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Increasing STEMM Enrollment of Under-Represented Populations

If applicable, please describe how the proposed program would increase the number of students from under-represented groups, including women, in the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program. (Character Limit: 3,000)

Student Support

Please describe how the proposed program's support and academic resources designed and delivered exclusively for Choose Ohio First Scholars would encourage scholar persistence and program completion. (Character Limit: 3,000) Note: Past Choose Ohio First performance data will be included in the evaluation of proposals from institutions that have received prior Choose Ohio First awards.

Targeted Enrollment Growth and Scholarship Award Amount

Complete the chart below to indicate the number of students currently enrolled in all academic programs included in this proposal. If the proposal reflects a multi-institution partnership, please provide program information for each institution. Please base the targeted enrollments on supply and demand in the program area(s), and the number of students your institution can effectively support.

Please note that for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship program, Summer is the first term in the academic year.

	2015-2016 (Current Enrollment)	2016-2017 Projected Enrollment	2017-2018 Projected Enrollment	2018-2019 Projected Enrollment	2019-2020 Projected Enrollment	Proposed Average Award Amount per Scholar
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Funding Request

Please indicate the total scholarship funding request by academic year (minimum amount \$100,000 over two years, maximum amount \$10,000,000 over two years):

2017-2018

2018-2019

Institutional Matching Resource Commitment

Please detail 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.

Letters of Support *(File Upload)*

Please upload a single .pdf file **containing all letters of support** from institutional partners. Please assure that the letters specify monetary amounts if referenced in the *Institutional Matching Resource Commitment* narrative above.

Program of Study *(File Upload)*

Please upload a document detailing the Program(s) of Study for the proposed program(s).

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes in Proposal *(File Upload)*

Please indicate all CIP Codes included in the proposal by: clicking on this hyperlink: [Choose Ohio First STEM Academic Majors](#) to download an Ohio STEM CIP codes file; highlighting the cells/rows for the Academic Majors included in your institution's proposal; and uploading the highlighted file using the "Choose File" button below.

Faculty

Please provide information for all faculty who will teach **non-general education courses** in the proposed program, including which courses the faculty member would teach:

	Name	Faculty Rank	Highest Degree Earned	Courses
Faculty Member A				
Faculty Member B				
Faculty Member C				
Faculty Member D				
Faculty Member E				
Faculty Member F				
Faculty Member G				
Faculty Member H				
Faculty Member I				
Faculty Member J				
Faculty Member K				
Faculty Member L				
Faculty Member M				
Faculty Member N				
Faculty Member O				

Please upload a current curriculum vitae for Faculty Member A:
 Please upload a current curriculum vitae for Faculty Member B:
 Please upload a current curriculum vitae for Faculty Member C:
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Graduation Rates in Academic Program(s) Included in Proposal

Complete the chart below to indicate the historical 150% graduation rates for all academic programs included in the proposal. If the proposal reflects a multi-institution partnership, please provide program information for each institution.

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Note: The 150% graduation rate is completion within three years for an associate degree and six years for a baccalaureate degree.

Institution and Program Name	2005-2006 Entering Cohort	2006-2007 Entering Cohort	2007-2008 Entering Cohort	2008-2009 Entering Cohort	2009-2010 Entering Cohort

Verification and Institutional Commitment

Please upload a letter from the institution that provides:

- Institutional commitment to Choose Ohio First Program
- Contact information for a dedicated Choose Ohio First project coordinator who will serve as the primary contact for students and the Ohio Department of Higher Education
- Signature of institution's president Signature of any other institutional official as required by institutional policies, e.g., chairman of board of trustees, chief financial officer, chief research officer

Final Step

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

Thank you for submitting a Choose Ohio First proposal!