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WOODROW WILSON OHIO TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED

*Program Names Second Class of Ohio Fellows;
Scientists, Engineers, Top Grads to Teach in State's High-Need Schools*

COLUMBUS, OH (May 24, 2012) – Chancellor Jim Petro announced today the 2012 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows. These Fellows – from cities all around Ohio – have been accepted into the program at seven Ohio colleges as high-quality math and science teacher candidates for high-need Ohio schools.

Universities participating in the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship for the first time this year are Ohio University, the University of Dayton, and the University of Toledo. They join John Carroll University, The Ohio State University, the University of Akron and the University of Cincinnati. A map of the Ohio universities participating in the program can be found at www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow.

The Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship recruits accomplished career changers and outstanding recent college graduates in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (the STEMM fields) who will prepare for math and science teaching positions in the state's urban and rural schools. For a factsheet on the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship, visit www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow.

“Education is key to improving the economy in Ohio. We have jobs available in Ohio, many of them in the STEMM fields. We need students trained to fill those jobs,” Chancellor Petro said. “The universities participating in this program realize that invigorating our teacher education programs will help invigorate the way we educate our children in STEMM subject areas. The University System of Ohio eagerly anticipates the difference these new educators will make in focusing more Ohio children on STEMM degree pathways, and ultimately, careers in these vibrant job sectors.”

Each of the 92 Fellows in the 2012 class will receive a \$30,000 stipend to complete a special intensive master's program at one of the participating institutions. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation of Princeton, N.J. administers the program. Find more information about the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship at www.wwteachingfellowship.org/about_the_program/ohio.php.

The announcement of Fellows comes at the conclusion of a rigorous year-long application and selection process. The new Fellows, whose master's work is beginning this month, will be ready to teach students in fall 2013. To view profiles and hometowns of the Fellows in the 2012 class, visit www.ohiohighered.org/woodrow.

"There is no more urgent national need in education than to get strong math and science teachers into our schools, especially high-need urban and rural schools," said Arthur Levine, president of the

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. "This year's group of Fellows is impressive – they are passionate about their fields and, most of all, they are committed to helping young people. We are tremendously proud of them, and we're excited to look ahead to their classroom successes. They will change tens of thousands of lives."

Partner universities in the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships have redesigned teacher preparation to prepare teachers in local classrooms, the way physicians learn in hospitals and attorneys in law offices. Programs also emphasize specific teaching approaches for the STEM fields. After a year of classroom-based preparation, Fellows commit to teach for at least three years in a high-need Ohio school, with ongoing support and mentoring.

The program is made possible with federal Race to the Top funds as well as commitments from six Ohio funders, including The Cleveland Foundation, George Gund Foundation, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, GAR Foundation, Battelle Memorial Institute and The Battelle Fund at the Columbus Foundation, plus matching funds provided by the campuses. Additional support for the program came from the state's Choose Ohio First program.

Ohio launched its Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship in March 2010, joining Indiana and Michigan as host states for the program. In each state, a blend of private and public support has been key to the creation of the program, as have gubernatorial leadership and statewide coalition-building. Four to five additional states are in discussion with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation about creating their own programs, said Levine.

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About the University System of Ohio

The [University System of Ohio](#) is the state agency that coordinates higher education in Ohio. The agency is directed by its Chancellor, who is a member of the Governor of Ohio's cabinet. The Chancellor, with the advice of the nine-member Board of Regents, provides policy guidance to the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly, advocates for the University System of Ohio and carries out state higher education policy.

About the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Founded in 1945, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (www.woodrow.org) identifies and develops leaders and institutions to address critical national challenges, working through education. The Foundation supports its Fellows as the next generation of leaders shaping American institutions. It also supports innovation in the institutions they will lead.