



**Research Committee  
Report to the Faculty  
May 20, 2010**

**Boonshoft School of Medicine Seed Grants**

- The Research Committee adopted new guidelines this year for the seed grant program.
  - Proposals are evaluated using criteria based on the NIH Enhanced Review Criteria implemented in 2009. Modifications were made to fit the scale of the BSOM's internal seed grant programs.
  - Reviewers evaluate proposals using a 9-point scoring system similar to that used by NIH.

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very Strong with only some minor weaknesses
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
7	Fair	Some strengths but also with at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Minor Weaknesses: An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen impact

Moderate Weakness: A weakness that lessens impact

Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits impact

- The Research Committee reviewed 16 applications to the 2010 competition:
  - Early Stage Investigator – 1
  - Emerging Science – 11
  - Medical Education – 4
  - Announcement of will be made by June 7, 2010.

**WSU Research Challenge Competition**

- The Research Committee will review and rank 5 applications for the 2010 Ohio Third Frontier competition.