M&T Bank Gives HWI $100,000 to Fund CEO Search, New Scientific Recruitment

M&T Bank has awarded a $100,000 grant to the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Inc. (HWI) to support the recruitment of the incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and future scientific recruitment.

Hauptman-Woodward will welcome Dr. Eaton E. Lattman, currently Dean of Research and Graduate Education in the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University (JHU), as CEO and Executive Director of the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute. Lattman will assume the position on July 1, 2008. A published author in the field of crystallography, he has degrees from Harvard and JHU and at JHU has served as department chair of Biophysics in both the School of Medicine and the School of Arts and Sciences.

“M&T’s generosity clearly is well-known throughout its markets across the nation. But we are particularly grateful that they have the vision and leadership to invest in the recruitment of stars in the science field who will strengthen Western New York’s future growth and success in life sciences,” Dr. Walter A. Pangborn, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at HWI, said.

“As Buffalo’s locally headquartered bank, M&T is delighted to help further the scientific mission of HWI by attracting outstanding leaders in the life sciences field, and promoting its potential as an engine for our city’s economic growth,” Shelley C. Drake, President, The M&T Charitable Foundation, said.

Lattman plans to spearhead a new phase in HWI’s recruitment efforts. The initial stages of this also will be partially funded by the generous M&T grant. Lattman’s first priority is to recruit, in collaboration with the University at Buffalo (UB), an established senior scientist to HWI who would also serve as the head of the Structural Biology Department. Lattman is interested in broadening HWI’s computational biology program and increasing efforts in the area of molecular modeling for cancer drug discovery. One of his primary goals with future recruits will be the development of a cluster hiring approach to further strengthen HWI’s collaborations with Roswell Park Cancer Institute and UB.

About The M&T Charitable Foundation
M&T Bank believes it has a responsibility as a corporate citizen to do all it can to strengthen the communities in which it operates. Through the volunteerism of its employees and financial contributions made through the bank's philanthropic arm, The M&T Charitable Foundation, M&T supports a diverse range of cultural, civic, education, health care, human service and youth organizations that add value to its communities.

About HWI
With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of life-altering research known as structural biology. HWI’s team of more than 75 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI’s website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.