



**Caroline C. Whitacre, Ph.D.**

Caroline C. Whitacre, Ph.D. serves as the Vice President for Research at The Ohio State University. In that capacity she oversees the university's efforts to build new research capacity and to support ongoing activities, which currently include \$832 million in research expenditures. She is a Professor of Microbial Infection and Immunity in the College of Medicine. She served as Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Research and Vice Dean for Research in the College of Medicine from 2002-2008. Dr. Whitacre received her BA and PhD degrees at Ohio State University and did postdoctoral training at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. She returned to Ohio State in 1981 where she has been on the faculty since that time. She served for 12 years as the Chair of the Department of Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics in the College of Medicine.

Dr. Whitacre's research is in the area of the immunology of multiple sclerosis (MS) and on sex differences in autoimmune disease. Dr. Whitacre has served as the chair of grant review boards for the National Institutes of Health, and Chair of the Task Force on Gender, MS and Autoimmunity for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She also chaired the Presidential Commission on University Governance at Ohio State. In recognition of her University activities, she was awarded the OSU Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service in 2001 and the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2008. In 2004, she was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In the community, Caroline currently serves as a member of the Tech Columbus board and also as a board member of the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She also serves as the Chair of the SciTech board of directors, for The Ohio State University Research Park.