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To: Deans, Department Heads, and University Professors
From: Laurie Weingart
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Subject: Dickson Prize Nominations

I am seeking nominations of United States engineers, scientists, or computer scientists who might be a suitable recipient of the Dickson Prize. This prize, as you might recall, was established by Dr. Joseph Z. Dickson and his wife, Agnew Fisher Dickson, to be awarded to a person or persons who "have made outstanding contributions to the field of Science in the United States." The cash award is fairly sizable; it has been over \$40,000 in recent years.

For your information, the names of previous winners of the Dickson Prize may be found at the url www.cmu.edu/dickson-prize/past-winners.

To make the nomination process both less burdensome initially and more thorough ultimately, the University Professors, who elect the Dickson Prize recipient, have recommended the following revised process:

1. Seek suggestions from faculty in the relevant technical fields, asking for only brief descriptions (one or two pages) of potential nominees. The descriptions might include biographical material of the type found in *American Men and Women in Science*, brief descriptions of career highlights and the major reasons why a person should be considered for the award.
2. After reviewing the set of suggested names, the University Professors will select a small subset to be considered nominees. Before choosing a winner from this subset, University Professors will work with the persons or departments who initially suggested the potential nominees, to acquire more information about them.
3. The University Professors will meet in early March to vote on the final nominee and forward their selection on to me for consideration.

Would you kindly give this matter some thought, discuss it with faculty if possible, and send me any suggestions (with a brief description of potential nominees). I would appreciate receiving your suggestions no later than **February 5th, 2018**.

Regards,
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