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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Teagle Foundation has awarded a \$280,000 grant to a four-college consortium, including Illinois Wesleyan University, for creation of online learning modules to enhance student learning. The project is funded by a new Teagle Foundation **program** “Hybrid Learning and the Residential Liberal Arts Experience.”

The three-year project will focus on three competencies: information fluency, communication and presentation skills, and technological adaptability. The online modules — to be available to faculty at institutions outside the consortium— will help students understand and develop skills in the three competencies, but will require that students apply and refine those skills within a disciplinary context.

Illinois Wesleyan’s grant administrators will be University Librarian Karen Schmidt and Diego Mendez-Carbajo, associate professor of economics. Other institutions in the consortium include: Augustana College, Elmhurst College and St. Norbert College in Wisconsin.

The Teagle Foundation was established in 1944 by Walter C. Teagle, longtime president and chairman of the board of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), now Exxon Mobile Corporation.

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