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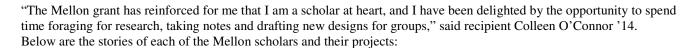
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Analyzing great works of literature. Recognizing tolerance and equality among faith traditions. Using creative writing as a mechanism to cope with mental health disorders.

Four Illinois Wesleyan University students pondered these and other big ideas as recipients of student research awards through the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's *Re-Centering the Humanities* grant, a \$300,000 grant to allow the University to strengthen existing relationships and establish new connections between the humanities and other disciplines.

One aspect of the grant funding, the **Humanities Scholars** program, is open to students in all disciplines for projects grounded in the humanities – Greek and Roman Studies, English, History, Modern Languages and Literatures, Religion or Philosophy. Each scholar receives a \$4,000 award, which allows the students to stay on campus over the summer to conduct research under the guidance of a faculty member.



Nathan Douglas '15: Literary History

Tim McDunn '16: Classics Rock

Lisa Mishra '15: Ambassador for Multifaith

Colleen O'Connor '14: Writing the Path to Recovery

