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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— New paid internships at local nonprofits will be available to Illinois Wesleyan University students, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Mitsubishi Motors USA Foundation.

The funds will establish the Mitsubishi Community Partners Program and will partially or fully underwrite paid internships at local nonprofits based on the agencies' ability to fund the internships. Nonprofit community and social service agencies often lag behind for-profit businesses in their ability to offer competitive, paid internships due to limited financial budget. It's anticipated up to 10 students will have internships each semester during the 2016-2017 academic year.

"Our support of internships as part of the Mitsubishi Community Partners Program through Illinois Wesleyan is another way Mitsubishi Motors USA Foundation is investing in Bloomington-Normal," said Ryan Gremore, general manager of O'Brien Mitsubishi. He said the program allows nonprofits to have access to skills and expertise they might not otherwise have while providing experiential learning opportunities for undergraduate students.

The Mitsubishi Community Partnership Program will help to provide valuable skills and resources to those agencies while introducing students to sectors of the job market that would otherwise go undiscovered.

The number of students interning during their years at Illinois Wesleyan continues to grow, with one in four students reporting having an internship by the time they graduate from Illinois Wesleyan.

