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The University of Dayton is among a group of Ohio colleges and universities sharing \$11 million to help create or expand co-op and internship programs to better serve students and businesses.

The University of Dayton's share is \$800,000. It will go to create opportunities for computer science, engineering and business students at the University of Dayton and Sinclair Community College, including a capstone program with area companies and the development of a rapid prototyping center for businesses that students will run.

"This award will help the University of Dayton continue to capture the spirit of what has made our University of Dayton engineering education great — hands-on learning that helps educate complete professionals who will make a positive difference in the world," School of Engineering Dean Tony Saliba said.

A total of 10 community colleges and 15 colleges and universities; which are partnering with 30 other postsecondary institutions, including 11 Ohio technical centers; received funding. The grants are part of Gov. John Kasich's workforce development strategies to align Ohio's higher education curriculum with skills that are in demand by Ohio's businesses so students are better positioned for jobs in the state after graduation.

Grantees are required to match the state's funds with private funds, which the University of Dayton will secure from industry partners in the fields of advanced manufacturing, aerospace, automotive, biohealth, energy, financial services, information services and polymers. The University of Dayton already has commitments from 13 companies for funding and co-op positions.

"These grants will provide Ohio employers with opportunities to benefit from the talents of Ohio's college and career technical students," said Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey. "And they'll provide students with valuable internship or co-op experience that will put them on the right track toward a successful career in Ohio."

The University of Dayton and Sinclair Community College also received \$253,995 from this program in 2012, which went to 20 new engineering co-op positions with aerospace, additive manufacturing and energy companies among JobsOhio target industries.

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