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DAYTON, Ohio, May 3, 1988—The University of Dayton is one of 17 institutions to receive funding from the Lilly Endowment in a competition designed to strengthen faculties.

UD will use the three-year, $73,405 grant to extend an innovative curriculum, developed in the College of Arts and Sciences with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, into the university's undergraduate professional schools.

UD was one of 42 private institutions in a five-state area that submitted proposals for strengthening their faculties in a competition sponsored by Lilly Endowment Inc., a private charitable foundation in Indianapolis. A total of 17 schools were named as winners of the competition. In addition to UD, Ohio winners included Antioch College in Yellow Springs; Franklin University in Columbus; John Carroll University in Cleveland; Kenyon College in Gambier; Marietta College in Marietta; and Mount Union College in Alliance.

One goal of UD's project is to help faculty members revise their course content and teaching strategies around themes that emphasize the relationships between the College of Arts and Sciences and three of the university's professional schools. Teachers from the Schools of Education, Engineering and Business Administration will meet in summer workshops with faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences to develop and implement programs designed to help students relate their professional skills with the liberal arts tradition.

A second goal is that, by the end of the three-year project, at least five faculty members at UD who have participated in the workshops will be equipped to act as teaching consultants, offering their knowledge and experience to other instructors. Intensive efforts will be made to enhance program and course planning, curriculum implementation and evaluation skills.