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**UD AWARDED CLARE BOOTHE LUCE GRANT  
FOR WOMEN IN GRADUATE ENGINEERING**

DAYTON, Ohio -- The Clare Boothe Luce Fund has awarded a \$100,000 two-year grant to the University of Dayton to support women students in graduate engineering studies. The Clare Boothe Luce fellowships will provide \$25,000 annually for two students beginning with the fall 1991 semester.

The Clare Boothe Luce Fund, a program of the Henry Luce Foundation, was established in 1988 to provide scholarships, fellowships and professorships for women in the sciences and engineering. UD was one of 25 institutions nationwide invited to apply for grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$150,000 per year.

UD's enrollment of women in engineering degree programs has outpaced the national average each year since 1974. Twenty-three percent, twice the national average, of UD's School of Engineering full-time undergraduate students are women, and women constitute 14 percent of UD's graduate students in engineering, more than the national average of 12.8 percent, according to 1990-91 enrollment statistics from universities across the country.

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As part of its commitment to attract, support and graduate women in engineering programs, UD has implemented the Women in Graduate Engineering Studies (WINGES) program. The program provides services such as child care, spouse placement and home computers to women doctoral candidates, and the network of women students that results from the WINGES program provides personal and professional support.

The women encourage undergraduate students to pursue advanced degrees, serve as counselors to students considering advanced study and take an active role in WINGES seminars and panel discussions. The Clare Boothe Luce fellows will join other UD women graduate students in engineering in the WINGES program.

The University of Dayton has awarded more than 1,000 advanced engineering degrees since 1980.