

**ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2001 GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item recommends approval of the allocation of the fiscal year 2001 appropriation of \$2,050,000 for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program. The Program provides grants to public and nonpublic colleges and universities to support education-related work experiences that benefit students academically and financially.

Action Requested: That the Board of Higher Education approve the allocation of \$2,050,000 for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program to provide 44 grants supporting approximately 2,900 students.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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This item presents staff recommendations for allocation of the fiscal year 2001 appropriation of \$2,050,000 for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program (ICWS). The Act authorizes the Board of Higher Education to award grants to public and nonpublic institutions of higher education to support cooperative work study programs. The program is designed to benefit students academically as well as financially, to reduce reliance on loans, enhance public-private sector partnerships and encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.

Forty-four proposals were received, requesting a total of \$2,734,242 in grant funds. Proposals were reviewed by Board staff and priorities for successful proposals included programs geared to support Illinois resident students and programs that closely link the work and academic experiences as well as utilize matching contributions from outside the institution. Added emphasis was given to partnerships that benefit students in the information technology field. More than a third of the 44 institutions submitting proposals have programs designed to serve up to 20 percent of their program participants in cooperative work projects related to the field of information technology. This emphasis directly addresses two of the goals of *The Illinois Commitment*—the goal for economic growth meeting the need for workers in high demand occupational fields and the goal for affordability by increasing financial support to students.

The vast majority of the proposals received include employer matching funds extending the base support from the grants. A number of institutions supplement the grants with additional institutional funds and all institutions support administrative aspects of the program without use of grant funds.

Attached are recommendations for 44 grants—five new and 39 continuing projects—that will assist approximately 2,900 Illinois resident undergraduate students. The grant period will run from April 10, 2001 through June 30, 2002. A summary spreadsheet presents projects in descending order of grant amount. In the narrative report, an asterisk (*) following the applicant institution marks new projects and a brief synopsis is provided for each project.

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Board of Higher Education hereby allocates the fiscal year 2001 appropriation of \$2,050,000 under the Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program for the projects and the amounts designated on the attached list. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to withhold payment or to adjust a grant allocation, if necessary, to conform to the existing statute or the rules implementing the statute.

**ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2001 GRANT AWARDS**

| <u>Institution</u> | <u>FY2000 Approved</u> | <u>FY2001 Recommended</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Northern Illinois University | \$125,000 | \$121,300 |
| Eastern Illinois University | 120,000 | 116,400 |
| Bradley University | 115,000 | 113,800 |
| Dominican University | 100,000 | 98,900 |
| DeVry Institute of Technology-DuPage | 95,000 | 94,000 |
| University of Illinois at Springfield | 95,000 | 94,000 |
| Rend Lake College | 94,000 | 91,200 |
| Southern Illinois University at Carbondale | 85,000 | 84,100 |
| University of Illinois at Chicago | 85,000 | 82,500 |
| Northwestern University | 81,000 | 80,200 |
| Northeastern Illinois University | 75,000 | 74,300 |
| Richard J. Daley College | 70,000 | 67,900 |
| DeVry Institute of Technology-Chicago | 58,000 | 57,400 |
| Quincy University | 55,000 | 54,500 |
| Greenville College | 50,000 | 49,500 |
| Elmhurst College | 50,000 | 49,500 |
| School of the Art Institute of Chicago | 50,000 | 48,500 |
| Concordia University | 48,000 | 46,600 |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | 48,000 | 46,600 |
| Illinois State University | 40,000 | 39,500 |
| Roosevelt University | 38,000 | 36,900 |
| Danville Area Community College | 37,000 | 35,900 |
| Lake Land College | 36,000 | 35,600 |
| Wilbur Wright College | 36,000 | 35,600 |
| John A. Logan College | 30,000 | 29,700 |
| Oakton Community College | 30,000 | 29,100 |
| Kaskaskia College | 30,000 | 29,100 |
| Harold Washington College | 0 | 27,000 |
| Saint Xavier University | 25,000 | 24,800 |
| College of Lake County | 25,000 | 24,800 |
| Lewis University | 25,000 | 24,300 |
| Richland Community College | 25,000 | 24,300 |
| Blackburn College | 24,000 | 23,300 |
| Sauk Valley Community College | 24,000 | 23,300 |
| Southwestern Illinois College | 20,000 | 19,400 |
| Governors State University | 0 | 16,000 |
| Elgin Community College | 16,000 | 15,800 |
| Rockford College | 15,000 | 14,600 |
| Heartland Community College | 15,000 | 14,600 |
| Illinois Wesleyan University | 0 | 14,300 |
| Shimer College | 14,000 | 13,600 |
| Lincoln Land Community College | 12,000 | 11,600 |
| Kennedy-King College | 0 | 11,200 |
| Saint Anthony College of Nursing | 0 | 4,500 |
| Total all Grants | \$2,016,000 | \$2,050,000 |

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FISCAL YEAR 2001 GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

| | Amount Recommended |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Northern Illinois University | \$121,300 |
| Highlights | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Northern Illinois University (NIU) Cooperative Education/Internship Program (Co-op) will collaborate with a wide variety of large and small employers to provide valuable career-related work experiences for nearly 120 NIU students. These supervised experiences will offer students professional, hands-on experience applicable to their field of study and more one-on-one supervision than that offered in the regular classroom. All of the employers, with the exception of the hospitals, have been asked to supply 50 percent of student wages.• The Co-op will continue its successful partnering with employers including Children's Learning Center, DeKalb Park District, Delnor-Community Hospital, Kishwaukee Education Consortium, Northwest Community Hospital, Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital, and St. Alexius Medical Center. Selected employers will offer career-relevant work experiences for students from the Colleges of Education, Health and Human Services, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. | |
| 2. Eastern Illinois University | \$116,400 |
| Highlights | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eastern Illinois University will place up to 130 undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines including African-American Studies, business, economics, environmental biology, geography/geology, graphic design, health studies, family and consumer science, journalism, public relations and political science. By participating in the program, students will be better prepared to compete for careers by enhancing their academic experiences.• The work sites will provide at least a 50 percent match toward student salaries and will include employers such as Urban League, Blaw Knox, Coles County Regional Planning, Illinois Natural History Survey, Village of Downers Grove, Consolidated Directories, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Robinson Daily News and Times-Courier. | |
| 3. Bradley University | \$113,800 |
| Highlights | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This Bradley University project will establish cooperative work study relationships with new employers and expand existing relationships. Opportunities will be provided for students in fields including computer science, business computer systems, computer information systems, engineering, mathematics, social and physical sciences, and management and human resource fields. Twenty-eight Illinois employers have submitted letters of intent supporting up to 93 placements for students.• The benefits of the project will include strengthened relationships between Bradley University and the participating organizations that include Archer Daniels Midland Company; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Alzheimer's Association-Central Illinois | |

Chapter; Central Illinois Light Company; CBT Companies, Dynamic Graphics, Inc.; E.W. McDaniels, Inc. and others.

4. **Dominican University** **\$98,900**

Highlights

- Dominican University will support the creation of as many as 76 new positions as matching funds are allocated to students working in organizations that provide them with professional employment experiences relevant to their chosen fields. Students with academic majors in accounting, business, corporate communication, sociology, fashion merchandising, computer science, gerontology, foods and nutrition as well as other fields will participate in the program.
- The program has traditionally focused on developing opportunities in public and nonprofit organizations. This year's grant seeks additional employment opportunities in the information technology field and entrepreneurial companies where students can benefit from direct contact with innovative Illinois business owners who have established their own firms.

5. **DeVry Institute of Technology – DuPage** **\$94,000**

Highlights

- DeVry Institute of Technology in Addison will expand its Cooperative Education Program in the field of electronics engineering technology. Approximately 30 students will be employed at one of the 16 companies in education related jobs that will enhance their marketability and encourage them to remain in Illinois for permanent employment after graduation.
- Partner employers include CMI, Communication Coil, Control Solutions, EDR Electronics, Hauserman Controls, and Omron Electronics. This project also will strengthen cooperation with businesses that provide matching contributions for students to gain hands-on experience that supports technical theory in the electronics and information technology fields.

6. **University of Illinois at Springfield** **\$94,000**

Highlights

- This project will provide matching funds for undergraduate work study students who seldom are paid. It will support paid work study placements for up to 60 undergraduates who participate in the Applied Study Program for academic credit. Students in many fields participate in these Applied Study Terms, including English, accounting, communications, psychology, criminal justice, legal studies and others.
- Some of the participating employers include Ace Hardware, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Illinois Capital Development Board, Child Care Association of Illinois, Big Brother/Bib Sister and Central Illinois Tourism.

7. **Rend Lake College** **\$91,200**

Highlights

- This program will place approximately 56 students into academically relevant cooperative work education employment with at least 22 employers, including numerous south central Illinois school districts and CrownLine Boats, Inc. Almost 90 percent of the total funds

requested will be used to place education majors into classroom-based positions with area schools. The program particularly targets financial aid recipients, non-traditional students, and other students with barriers to employment.

8. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale \$84,100

Highlights

- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will enhance and expand current work study/internship opportunities for students to gain work-based, academically structured experiences while networking with professionals in their field of study. The work study/internship positions will be designed and mutually agreed upon by students, faculty, and employer representatives and will link to the student's academic field of study. This will allow the student to reinforce the knowledge gained in the classroom and incorporate emerging trends within the industry to better prepare them for employment after graduation.
- Nineteen employers, including Agri Gold, Service Master, Effingham Equity, Shipman Elevator, FWAI Architects and others have submitted letters of interest to participate in hiring 56 students from the following colleges within the University: Agriculture, Applied Sciences and Arts, Engineering, and Science.

9. University of Illinois at Chicago \$82,500

Highlights

- The University of Illinois at Chicago will build upon the success of the Architecture program to expand cooperative work study opportunities to other academic units whose students will benefit from experiential learning situations. For fiscal year 2001, the University of Illinois at Chicago will add work study programs to be offered by the College of Business Administration and the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- The program will support cooperative work study relationships for approximately 112 students with new and previously participating employers in the areas of accounting, finance, information and decision sciences, marketing, and management. Cooperating employers include numerous Chicago architectural and construction firms, the City of Chicago, and some state and federal legislative offices.

10. Northwestern University \$80,200

Highlights

- Northwestern University will link 35-45 qualified undergraduates with employers for full-time employment during summer 2001 and part-time employment during the school year. Employment will be tied to the students' academic fields of study, including engineering, science, mathematics and education.
- Employers are primarily companies developing advanced technologies, e.g., Cardiomedix, Cybertech, Entertainment Decisions, Containerless Research, Phi-Cam, Knowledge Dynamics and Geotest, which are located in the Evanston area. Goals include help in covering college costs; linkages that will lead to later employment and possible careers; work in a business and technology environment that will allow students to test, verify, augment, and reinforce the knowledge gained in the classroom.

11. **Northeastern Illinois University** **\$74,300**

Highlights

- Northeastern Illinois University will establish work study programs for approximately 38 junior and senior level students meeting eligibility criteria. One of the goals of the program will be to provide opportunities for qualified students to gain relevant career-related experience prior to graduation. Another goal of participating in this program will be to facilitate outreach efforts to medium and small employers by establishing internship ventures.
- The targeted academic areas of internship development are computer science, accounting, marketing, management, human resources, and some liberal arts disciplines. Participating companies providing matching funds include Arlington Heights Park District, Chicago Historical Society, Firman Community Services, Forsythe Technology, Lake View Academy and others.

12. **Richard J. Daley College of the City Colleges of Chicago** **\$67,900**

Highlights

- The overall goal of the project is to provide opportunities for approximately 48 students enrolled in Richard J. Daley College's Manufacturing Technology program to apply their academic skills to real-life industrial environments.
- The projects also provides incentives to manufacturing companies to employed skilled workforce and train them at subsidized costs to eventually become productive workforce in manufacturing. Cooperating employers include United Parcel Service, Emco Gear, Brad Foot Gear, Federal Mogul, S and C Electric and others.

13. **DeVry Institute of Technology – Chicago** **\$57,400**

Highlights

- This program will provide financial assistance to enhance the cooperative education partnerships between DeVry/Chicago students and Illinois employers, including S-B Power Tool Company, LaMarch Manufacturing, Technical Loss Services, and Midrange Repair and Parts. The goal is to support more than a dozen high academic achievers in math, science, computer aided design, electronics and computer information systems who also are financially needy to persist and complete their education while participating in an intensive co-op work program that provides them with 15-65 weeks of work experiences and an average student work week of 25 hours.
- The objectives for this program are to encourage employers to hire two or more cooperative education students on a lateral basis by providing the employer a salary reimbursement, and to encourage student degree completion. In addition to providing a salary, the employer would support the students' education through scholarships.

14. **Quincy University** **\$54,500**

Highlights

- The Quincy University program will provide opportunities for 25 students to explore careers in a variety of fields in area agencies and businesses, including Gardner Denver, Harris

Corporation, Craig Industries, QuincyNet and Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce. Eighteen organizations have agreed to provide a 50 percent match for student wages.

- A faculty advisor and advising committee coordinate the program. Fields included are: broadcast and print communication, arts management, science and technology, business (marketing, finance, accounting), information science, government service, and social work.

15. **Greenville College** **\$49,500**

Highlights

- This project will provide approximately 50 students paid learning experiences in positions of community service, biology, mathematics, education, environmental sciences, criminal justice, community development, and health-related fields. It also is designed to develop new and/or expanded cooperative efforts in technology related areas of study and employment.
- The grant will assist the College as it expands its service to women and minorities, and strengthens school-college partnerships. Participating employers will include Bond County Housing Authority, Prairie Counseling Center, Greenville Federal Correctional Center, The Simple Room and Coalition for Community Service, Royal Lake.

16. **Elmhurst College** **\$49,500**

Highlights

- Elmhurst College will support 51 students with work study jobs in the private sector with a 50/50 salary match and students with internships in the non-profit sector with a 60/40 salary match. Employers have stated their intent to hire the student full time if a vacancy exists and the intern's work is satisfactory. Most students served will be in the business fields with some in education and math and science.
- These students gain the opportunity to enhance their career development and explore a career field working with cooperative employers including Blistex, Chicago White Sox Training Center, Downers Grove Park District, Nieman Marcus, Village of Oak Lawn and Synergy Solutions.

17. **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** **\$48,500**

Highlights

- Cooperative work study is considered part of the curriculum at the School of the Art Institute. Undergraduate students work 210 hours per semester earning three hours of academic credit, up to a maximum total of 12 credit hours enabling them to have up to four work experiences. This program will support work experiences for approximately 50 students.
- The School will continue to offer more paid work experiences to our students in areas including community service, interior architecture, graphic design, web design, animation, and film/video production. Although fine art students are considered to be more "difficult to place," this program provides that there are many work opportunities in the arts. Participating employers include Johnny Boy Graffix, Creating Pride, Inc., iToons Corporation, Fitigues, Inc., Affinity Art Glass and Laurenceleste.

18. **Concordia University** **\$46,600**

Highlights

- Concordia University will expand its ProEx cooperative education program for up to 50 students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, Nursing, and the College of Education. Cooperating partner employers include Enterprise Rent-a-Car, West Suburban Medical Center, City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Cambridge Educational Services and various social service agencies.
- The goal of this project is to increase participation by 15 percent (from 80 students to 90 students) by providing matching funds with current and newly enlisted employers. The program will serve students in the fields of accounting, business, communications, education, social work and psychology.

18. **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** **\$46,600**

Highlights

- The College of Fine and Applied Arts and the School of Architecture will expand work study placements beyond the disciplines of architectural, landscape architecture, and include the disciplines represented by the College: Architecture, Art and Design, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theater, and Urban Planning. The units have developed a work study internship program that provides practical applications of their respective disciplines in professional training context. “Practicum” and “Praxis” are essential components of an education in the arts.
- Approximately 27 students will be served in partnerships with employers including Gorshi-Reifsteck, BLDD Architects, Charter-Sills Associates, Hutcom-Robeson, City of Effingham, Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Champaign/Urbana Symphony and others. Work study provides additional opportunity for FAA students to apply classroom experiences in a professional setting under the mentorship of a practitioner/artist.

20. **Illinois State University** **\$39,500**

Highlights

- The goals of the Illinois State University Cooperative Work Study Program are to benefit approximately two dozen students academically and professionally. Funding for this program will help to achieve the goals supported by enhanced classroom learning through integrating academic technology, engineering, science, mathematics, nursing, and education; and provide monetary compensation during the applied learning experience, thereby reducing the student’s dependence on student loans.
- Additional goals of this program include enhancing public-private sector partnerships by encouraging students to seek permanent employment in Illinois as they go through the program. This program will improve the personnel selection process by using actual on-the-job performance as a basis for permanent hiring decisions. Cooperating employers include Crop Pro-Tech, Chesterbrook Academy, G E Industrial Systems, John Deere Credit Company, Illinois Farm Bureau, Carle Foundation Hospital and others.

21. **Roosevelt University** **\$36,900**

Highlights

- Roosevelt University is requesting ICWS Program grant funds to assist in the placement of up to 30 cooperative education and work-study program students with employers providing at least 50 percent of the student wage. Students from the five schools, Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Performing Arts, and Evelyn T. Stone University College, will be encouraged to gain work-related experiences in their field of study.
- This field-related training will assist students in making the connection between the theory that is being introduced in the classroom with real-work experience. Grant funds will assist in the partnerships between the public and private sectors as well as encourage social and community service. Participating employers include AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Mercedes-Benz Credit, Northwest Association of Realtors, Chicago a cappella and others.

22. **Danville Area Community College** **\$35,900**

Highlights

- Danville Area Community College (DACC) will target students with the need for financial assistance, the desire to work in a local business, and a learning performance for "hands-on" education. As many as 30 students will benefit from the program and approximately 25 employers will participate, each providing 50 percent of the student wage. Participating students will be matched with companies that will enhance the students' classroom and academic studies.
- Consolidated Management Services, Phillip Conn, DDS, Gutierrez Harley-Davidson, Kizer Construction, Terra Plana Farms, Inc. and other employers will provide cooperative work study opportunities.

23. **Lake Land College** **\$35,600**

Highlights

- Lake Land College's Cooperative Work Study Program will increase opportunities for approximately 31 pre-baccalaureate and technical program students to pursue paid work experience related to their academic majors. Students with financial need will fill at least 50 percent of available positions. Seventeen academic programs are targeted, including the new programs of Network Administration, Accounting, Secondary Education, and Special Education. Students will be required to complete four learning objectives and to research Illinois job opportunities in their career field.
- Nineteen employers, including 11 school districts, have committed their participation in 2001. Others include Greater Effingham Area Chamber of Commerce, Stevens Industries, Inc., Mattoon Precision Manufacturing, and Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan, LLP.

24. **Wilbur Wright College of the City Colleges of Chicago** **\$35,600**

Highlights

- This program will subsidize the wages of 12 or more economically disadvantaged students enrolled in the Computer Numerical Control, Electrical/Electronic Industrial Maintenance, and Information Processing Technology programs. The supported work experiences are structured to recognize and reward on-the-job and school-related performance.
- The program is comprised of two 12-week periods and students must meet all performance requirements to be “promoted” to the second period. Cooperating employers include Mead Fluid Dynamics, Inc., Republic Windows and Doors, BA Die Mold, Atlas Electric and XEROX Corporation. This program is designed to impact retention and long-term placement rates of at-risk occupational/technical students.

25. **John A. Logan College** **\$29,700**

Highlights

- This program will increase the work-integrated learning opportunities for education and high tech students by providing academic credit-bearing paid internships. These work-integrated learning internships will enhance student learning by making what they are learning in the classroom more relevant to the real world. Students can apply technologies of the classroom to the work site using equipment and technology in a real-work setting.
- The program will place students with employers including Southern Illinois Healthcare, Diagraph Corporation, Flanders Electric Motor, Small World CDC, Inc., Maytag, Thomas Construction and Primex Technologies.

26. **Oakton Community College** **\$29,100**

Highlights

- Oakton Community College will develop off-campus cooperative education experiences such as internships for up to 45 students. In some instances, the employer pays 100 percent of the student wage. These internships will enable students to link classroom theory to practice and will provide a pathway to employment in specific occupations related to the fields of engineering, science, education, and community service.
- Based on faculty input, Oakton’s department chairpersons will identify and select suitable candidates for referral to the host sites that include John Crane, Inc., Underwriters Laboratory, Allstate Insurance, ReCor, Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Village of Skokie and others.

27. **Kaskaskia College** **\$29,100**

Highlights

- Kaskaskia College continues its program of financial assistance designed to benefit students academically and financially, reduce reliance on loans, enhance public-private sector partnerships, and encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.
- Approximately 14 students will be served, working with employers who utilize the latest technology available in their field of study, including Carlyle Health Care Center, Kaskaskia

Valley Credit Union, Krehbiel Associates LLC, St. Josephs Hospital and Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District.

28. **Harold Washington College of the City Colleges of Chicago *** **\$27,000**

Highlights

- Students enrolled in occupational programs will have the opportunity to gain work experience for which they will earn a salary and college credit. The College has partnerships with several businesses and organizations in Chicago to provide 20 students (70 percent minority students) with paid internships in the areas of computer information services, business, hospitality management, social services, and early childhood development.
- Employers including Synchronous Solutions, Inc., Bessie’s Home for Battered Children, Trinity United Church Head Start, Nexus Unlimited, Inc. and ACES Chicago will provide opportunities for students to improve employability skills, provide real-world work experience, and ease the economic burden of the costs of a college education.

29. **Saint Xavier University** **\$24,800**

Highlights

- The Cooperative Education Program at Saint Xavier University will assist approximately 30 students in securing meaningful, career-related employment opportunities prior to graduation. It also will assist Chicago-area employers to meet part-time, professional hiring needs. Many of these are local employers from the southwest side of the metropolitan area who are in need of qualified classroom education employees, but are unable to pay them the market salary rate.
- Some of the participating employers include R. Crusoe and Sons; Parent Co-op; McGreal; Johnson and McGrane; and Trinity Services.

30. **College of Lake County** **\$24,800**

Highlights

- This project will supplement the College’s Cooperative Education Program allowing four additional businesses to provide work-study opportunities for 14 students related to their fields of study. This program will supplement the college’s existing Cooperative Education Program that includes a workshop component as well as the work study component.
- Eligible students are matched with the appropriate businesses including Ivanhoe Automotive, Young at Heart, Six Flags Great America and McHenry Heating and Air Conditioning.

31. **Lewis University** **\$24,300**

Highlights

- The Lewis University program is a synergistic complement to the formal internship program at Lewis University, called *Intertrak*. Student interns work 15 to 20 hours per week within the areas of human resources, management information systems, healthcare, communication, and business management.

- The University projects to serve approximately 20 student interns in business/industries including Greater Joliet Area YMCA, Motorola, Inc., Christ Hospital, Hyatt Hotels, Dynastaff and Northwest Mutual. It is projected that half of these students will transition into full-time unsubsidized employment with their respective company or organization.

32. **Richland Community College** **\$24,300**

Highlights

- Richland Community College will provide a Cooperative Work Study Program for 22 students in academic year 2001-02 in fields including Computer Information Systems; Electronics; Argri-business; Mechanical Technology, Food Service Management; Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR); and Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD). Cooperating employers, among them Archer Daniels Midland Company, Illinois Power, Decatur Public Library, Caterpillar, Inc., and Tate and Lyle, will provide a 50 percent match on wages.

33. **Blackburn College** **\$23,300**

Highlights

- Blackburn College will enhance and expand the objectives of its unique work program for two distinct objectives of partnership with business entities in summer 2001 and partnerships with businesses and other organizations for academic-related employment in the businesses.
- A total of 24 students in the fields of computer science, business administration, physical sciences and advertising/promotion fields will be supported with employers including Carlinville Tax Service, Curry Companies, First National Bank-Staunton, Grand Prairie Library District, State Farm Insurance and others. Participation in the co-op work study program will serve as an alternative to on-campus assignments of the College's work program.

34. **Sauk Valley Community College** **\$23,300**

Highlights

- Approximately 20 students will benefit from this program designed to broaden the reach of the college programs and ensure the employability of able students by providing work-based experiences for individuals who may not qualify for financial aid. Working with employers including the Illinois Department of Transportation, Lawrence Brothers Manufacturing, KSB Hospital and others will enable the College to become more closely integrated with the needs of businesses, industry, schools, and nonprofit agencies with college programs and potential employees.

35. **Southwestern Illinois College** **\$19,400**

Highlights

- The 19 internships provided by this program will provide partnership initiatives between a wide range of academic program areas, employers, and agencies. Five community service internships will serve the Illinois Hunger Coalition, the Prairie State Games, and the Programs and Services for Older Persons. Other partners include Belleville Parks and Recreation; an architectural/engineering firm; and engineering-related departments.

- New internships will be provided in the Computer Information Systems (CIS) area this year by providing two internships in networking/help desk with Norcom 2000, two internships with CompuType, and one internship in networking with Peak Internet Access.

36. **Governors State University *** **\$16,000**

Highlights

- This project will provide 15 Governors State University students an extended organized learning experience by integrating traditional classroom study with practical, professional, and paid work experiences within five areas of concentration: science, education, computer science, management, and human services.
- Partner businesses/industries include Metropolitan Health Care Council, North Central Regional Education Laboratory, Indian Oaks Academy, Good Year Tire and others.

37. **Elgin Community College** **\$15,800**

Highlights

- Elgin Community College will fund cooperative work study opportunities for 16 to 20 students, all of whom will be Illinois resident undergraduates in fields related to mathematics, science, engineering and education. They are computer aid design, graphic arts, nursing, early childhood education, hospitality management, and culinary arts.
- The program will expand internship opportunities and strengthen cooperation between Elgin Community College and the area businesses and encourage students to seek employment in Illinois. The College will target small- to medium-sized businesses such as the Sidewell Company, Hagg Press, the Learning Tree, Aramark/Motorola and others who would benefit from this subsidized labor assistance.

38. **Rockford College** **\$14,600**

Highlights

- This program will provide academically relevant, paid work experiences for up to 26 Illinois resident Rockford College students. Qualifying students will be placed in paid internship positions relating to their chosen field of study that will aid in reducing their reliance on student loans.
- Students will be placed in social service agencies, local schools, and in businesses that will enhance public-private sector partnerships and forge relationships that will encourage students to consider permanent employment in the state of Illinois. Cooperating employers include Rockford Park District, American Red Cross, United Way, Discovery Center, Children's Development Center and Morsay Medical and Rehabilitation.

39. **Heartland Community College** **\$14,600**

Highlights

- Heartland Community College will supplement stipends earned in work-based learning activities. A total of 40 students per academic year will be selected to participate in paid, credit-generating work study positions with area businesses. Preference is given to those students requiring financial assistance to continue in higher education.

- Students will be linked with employers offering experiences related to their field of study. Participating employers include Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, Olympia School District, Briggs Electric, State Farm Insurance, BroMenn Hospital and United Way of McLean County.

40. **Illinois Wesleyan University *** **\$14,300**

Highlights

- Illinois Wesleyan University will provide 20-25 students with opportunities to translate their academic coursework into “real world” experience, and find an entry into the workforce through work study internships that also will help students meet their educational expenses. Students in fine and applied arts, business, communications, education, public service, math, applied and social sciences will have the opportunity to take advantage of the learning opportunities afforded by what would normally be volunteer internship positions.
- Cooperating employers include American Red Cross, G E Industrial Systems, McLean County Administrator, and Sourcebooks, Inc.

41. **Shimer College** **\$13,600**

Highlights

- Shimer College will utilize the grant funds to support student wages in the expansion of the College’s after-school Learning Center. Students from North Elementary School of Waukegan come to the College for academic support, remediation, and enrichment experiences. Illinois students attending Shimer College serve these students through one-on-one tutoring in mathematics and reading, small group work, appropriate recreational programs, and by serving as role models for these children.

42. **Lincoln Land Community College** **\$11,600**

Highlights

- Lincoln Land Community College will link classroom learning with actual work experience for the students in their chosen career field and to strengthen relationships with employers in the community. Lincoln Land Community College plans to serve 20 to 25 students through this program. Students will be placed with employers that include Rising Brothers Transfer, Inc., Old Dominion, Peoria Metropolitan Magazine, St. John’s Hospital, Ahlstrom Paper, Green View, Wells Fargo and others.

43. **Kennedy-King College of the City Colleges of Chicago *** **\$11,200**

Highlights

- Approximately 14 graphic communication students will benefit from education-related work experiences with industry partners in the graphic design and printing businesses. The program will provide student compensation for a required academic component that previously did not provide financial benefit for students.
- Cooperating employers include Goes Lithographers, Des Plaines Publishing Company and b allan graphics.

44. **Saint Anthony College of Nursing ***

\$4,500

Highlights

- Clinical nursing internships will be provided to 16 senior-level undergraduate students through a cooperative program with two health care agencies—OSF St. Anthony Medical Center and Rockford Health System.

