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More opportunities in the Liberal Arts to think about. The Teagle Foundation grants emphasize “the role of faculty – as teachers in the classroom, as masters of the curriculum, and as agents of change – to transform undergraduate education. Our grant initiatives emphasize collaboration among institutions to create a community of practice where faculty work to strengthen teaching and learning in the arts and sciences in concert with peers from partner institutions who share their goals.” <http://www.teaglefoundation.org/Grants-Initiatives>

Current Initiatives: \$100,000-\$400,000 over 24-36 mo, planning grants up to \$25,000 for 6-12 mo

Education for American Civic Life

This initiative supports faculty-led efforts to prepare graduates to become informed and engaged participants in the civic life of their local, national, and global communities. The Foundation seeks ambitious projects that confront gaps in undergraduates’ civic knowledge and prepares them for the intellectual demands of democratic participation. Successful proposals will seek to promote learning about the formation of the American republic, the crafting of its Constitution, the history of contention over the meanings of the Constitution, the development of representative political structures, and the principles of democracy. We also encourage a comparative approach to studying these principles that may deepen students’ understanding of what is unique about American institutions by placing them in contrast to the principles and institutions of other societies.

Pathways to the Liberal Arts

This initiative supports institutions in implementing significant curricular reforms that deepen student learning in the liberal arts and keep them on the path to the degree. The initiative is focused on advancing the three streams of work described below. Institutions are encouraged to choose one of the three areas of emphasis.

1. Strengthening access to the liberal arts in the transition from high school to college.
2. Strengthening transfer access to the liberal arts from two- to four-year colleges.
3. Strengthening the rigor and quality of liberal arts pathways at two- and four-year colleges.

Liberal Arts and the Professions

This initiative has the goal of embedding liberal arts education throughout the curriculum of undergraduate professional programs by forging links between faculty in the liberal arts and professional fields.

1. Infuse new disciplinary content and perspectives from the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences into undergraduate education for the professions, most prominently in business, engineering, and nursing.
2. Foster robust collaborative relationships with faculty from the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and the professions to design and teach revised curricula, including new teaching arrangements.
3. Develop strategies for teaching and assessment within the professions of the critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills traditionally associated with the liberal arts.
4. Encourage institutions to develop revenue/cost-sharing structures as needed to support collaborative participation by faculty from the disciplines as well as the professions.

The Teagle Foundation has a two-stage application process. All applicants need to submit a 3-5 page concept paper. After review, a limited number of applicants are invited to submit full proposals. They review concept papers on a rolling basis.

Be forewarned that:

1. They usually restrict proposals to institutions with at least a 65% six-year graduation rate. From most recent report, PSU is at 53% so proposal would need to show how the project would strengthen student retention and completion.
2. They do not limit # proposals per institution but typically do not make more than 1 award per institution.

If interested, hit the **green button**, Intent to Submit Form, on ORA page <https://campus.plymouth.edu/research-administration/>.

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