

Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies receives grant from The Coleman Foundation, Inc.

The Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies (IES) in the Department of Management and Quantitative Methods (MQM) at Illinois State University received a significant vote of confidence in the form of a recent \$55,000 grant from the Coleman Foundation, Inc. Since 1981, the Coleman Foundation, Inc. has invested more than \$44 million to promote entrepreneurship as a profession.

“Support from the Coleman Foundation, Inc. attests to the already high quality of the Illinois State University entrepreneurship program, our students and talented faculty,” said Jim Jawahar, chair of the Department of Management and Quantitative Methods, who co-authored the grant with IES Director, Mark Hoelscher.



**Dr. Mark Hoelscher, Coleman Fellows Director,
Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies**

The new award will be used to promote entrepreneurship education, research and special events sponsored by IES including Entrepreneurship Day, which will feature high-profile speakers, a business plan competition and a creative idea competition for students. It will also support faculty and student



IES Students participate in Business Plan Competition.

Professors Klaus Schmidt (College of Applied Science & Technology), Dan Wilson (College of Applied Science & Technology), and Laurie Thompson Merriman (College of Fine Arts) are Coleman Fellows.

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travel to national conferences, such as Self Employment in the Arts (SEA), and the National Collegiate Entrepreneurs Conference (CEO). Other initiatives, such as alumni newsletters and outreach to the entrepreneurship community, will also be paid for through the grant.

The Coleman Foundation, Inc. previously awarded a separate \$15,000 grant to the IES for the development of the Coleman Fellows Program, to advance self-employment and entrepreneurship education in non-business courses at Illinois State University. Mark Hoelscher serves as Coleman Fellows Director.