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Henry Luce Foundation Awards Grant to Support Institutional Leadership Projects for ELATE at Drexel

PHILADELPHIA (October 30, 2012) – As Fellows in the new Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering program at Drexel University are learning, leadership is exercised through action. Thanks to a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation’s Higher Education Program, they will have the opportunity to share their own leadership action projects with deans, provosts, and other academic leaders from across the country.

Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering (ELATE at Drexel®) is a national leadership development program designed to advance senior women faculty in engineering and the sciences into effective institutional leadership roles. It is an intensive full-year, part-time fellowship program, where Fellows expand their range of leadership behaviors through readings, classroom simulations, interviews with their own institutional leaders, career consultations, conversations with panels of experienced national leaders, and self-reflection. Most importantly, their new skills are tested and polished with Institutional Action Projects aimed to improve processes and structures at their home institutions. Diane Magrane, Director, notes, “These projects place ELATE Fellows squarely within the eye of change in their organizations and guided by the senior executives that can advance them as leaders as well as benefit from the changes they create. We are extremely appreciative of the visionary work of the Clare Booth Luce program in advancing women scientists and the synergy of the missions of the International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics and the Henry Luce Foundation in advancing leaders.”

The purpose of the Institutional Action Project (IAP) is for Fellows to integrate the resources and support of the fellowship into a visible leadership contribution to their institution. In addition to lessons from experts in strategy, communication, and negotiation, Fellows work with prominent leaders in higher education. They are mentored by their own deans and provosts to design effective approaches, engage stakeholders and to strategize the organizational changes necessary for successful IAPs. The fellowship year culminates in presentations of the work at the ELATE Leaders Forum, which fellows’ institutional mentors attend.

Since its first grants in 1989, the Henry Luce Foundation’s Clare Boothe Luce Program has become the single most significant source of private support for women in science, mathematics and engineering. The grant from the Henry Luce Foundation will provide support for each step of the process of completing the IAP’s, including the 2013 Leaders Forum, the culmination of the fellowship year, being held in Lafayette Hill, PA (outside of Philadelphia) on March 16, 2013.

About ICELA at Drexel

The International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics at Drexel University (ICELA at Drexel®) is a core program of the International Center for Women’s Health and Leadership® at Drexel University College of Medicine. The Center is the home of the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering (ELATE at Drexel®) and the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine

(ELAM) programs, both aimed at increasing the numbers and impact of women in academic leadership. For more information, please visit www.drexel.edu/ICELA.