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Opportunity for Penn State Students Interested in Social Justice Work

UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. This UN agency focuses on international development issues related to education, science, and culture. At Penn State, Dr. Mark Brennan is UNESCO Chair in Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development and has been commissioned by the UN to be a leading source of high-impact research, educational programs, policy and partnerships that improve the lives of youth and communities worldwide.

This fall, there is a unique opportunity for 20 Penn State students to join Dr. Brennan in an initiative called Youth as Researchers. This program trains youth and young adults to create and carry out youth-driven social justice research projects. At the end of these research projects, video documentaries are made to present findings to a global audience, including at the annual UN Youth Summit and UNESCO Youth Forum. This program has been developed by UNESCO Chair Dr. Patrick Dolan from the National University of Ireland in Galway, Ireland. It has shown success in Ireland and is being carried out in the United States for the first time this fall.

This is opportunity for Penn State students with an interest in international development, community development, and social justice issues. It is especially suited for students who are interested in collaborative research and who enjoy working in teams with other students.

The time span for this project is the Fall 2017 semester, with the possibility of extension into the Spring semester. If interested, please contact Dr. Mark Brennan at unescochair@psu.edu by **Friday, Sept. 29th**.

To see learn more information about the Youth as Researchers program and to see past videos of other projects, please visit <http://www.childandfamilyresearch.ie/cfrc/youth-as-researchers/>
To learn more about Dr. Mark Brennan and his UNESCO Chair position at Penn State please visit <http://agsci.psu.edu/unesco>

All the best,



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