



WorldLink 2008 Summer Internship *Connecting Youth to Global Affairs*

*WorldLink~Connecting Youth to Global Affairs is pleased to announce its Summer 2008 Internship Program. Unlike the Fall and Spring semester internship program, the Summer program offers high school youth the unique opportunity to research and create the **WORLDLINK READER**, a classroom tool that provides youth with the important background knowledge on the WorldLink Youth Town Meeting (YTM) topics. The Reader is distributed to over 25 classrooms in San Diego County and Baja California, Mexico. This year, the research will be centered on “On the Brink: Responding to Underlying Causes of Conflict.”*

Research Focus: Responding to Underlying Causes of Conflict *Global Racism and Religious Intolerance* *Gender Inequality* *Lack of Economic Development* *Xenophobic Nationalism*

Types of Materials:

Articles, exposes, memos, editorials, commentaries, scholarly papers, websites, OpEds, films, talks, etc.

Sources:

Examples of sources include, but are not limited to: BBC, CNN, Lexis-Nexis, The Economist, World Watch, Newsweek, Time, NY Times, LA Times, Union Tribune, Regional Newspapers, International Publications, World Press Review, United Nations Publications, United States Institute for Peace, Carnegie Foundation, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, International Alert, International Crisis Group, etc.

Weekly Time Commitment:

Hours are flexible as the interns will spend most of the time researching on their own. Interns should plan on spending 8 – 10 hours per week researching their “focus” (to be determined by WorldLink Coordinator and intern). Interns will be required to attend six 1.5 hour meetings at the IPJ on the dates below. During the last formal meeting, the interns are expected to present their research and findings to the group. Please note the final meeting will last approximately two hours.

***Meeting Times:**

Wednesday, June 25, 10:30am

Tuesday, July 1, 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 9, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 23, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 30, 10:30am

Wednesday, August 13 – Review

Thursday, August 14 - Presentation

**These are suggested meeting times only; dates are subject to change to accommodate summer camps, summer vacations, summer school, and other commitments.*

Weekly contact:

Although WorldLink interns will meet with WorldLink staff approximately six times (in person), the intern and staff will have weekly contact via email. Intern’s weekly work should be e-mailed to Karla Alvarez at kalvarez@sandiego.edu. The work will be assessed, and comments will be emailed back to the respective intern. An intern’s work will consist of (1) copies of articles and research material, (2) brief abstracts written on each research piece, (3) a listing of useful web-links, and (4) an accompanying bibliography.