

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

### United Nations Youth Representative

Begun in the fall of 2008, Lehigh's United Nations Youth Representative Program seeks to match UN certified non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students who will serve as that NGO's voice at the United Nations. Our NGO partners are located around the world—Japan, India, Nigeria, Australia, and the U.S.—and they focus on a wide range of issues, including environmental sustainability, gender equality, LGBT rights, global health, and international peace, to name a few.

As a United Nations Youth Representative, you receive an official UN badge from your NGO, giving you unparalleled access to the United Nations. While there, you will attend briefings, present at conferences, and network with high-ranking UN officials, all on behalf of your NGO. Lehigh's UN Youth Representative Program is a truly unique experiential learning opportunity, one that allows students to put their education into action outside the classroom in the service of an NGO that shares their interests and commitments.

### Responsibilities

As a Youth Representative, you are expected to:

- Take on extensive reading to familiarize yourself with the NGO
- Establish regular communication with the NGO (via email, Skype, etc.) regarding their goals for you at the UN
- Attend *three trips per semester* to the UN in New York at your own expense
- Write briefings that report to the NGO on the meetings attended
- Meet with ambassadors and other UN representatives relevant to your NGO
- Attend monthly meeting on campus with the UN Program Assistant Director

You can expect your NGO to:

- Complete all the necessary UN paperwork to certify you as a UN Youth Representative
- Provide you with the educational tools and information necessary to represent the NGO

### Qualifications

- 3.2 GPA or above
- *Available to travel to the UN in NYC three times per semester (usually Thurs or Fri)*
- A keen interest in international activities and proven ability to work independently
- Strong interpersonal/communication skills
- Must be available to serve for the entire 2018-19 academic year
- Under the age of 32 (per UN requirements)

**NGOs Currently Seeking Representatives:**

- 1. World Corrosion Organization (USA)  
Qualifications: interest in relevant engineering field (environmental, civil, chemical, etc) and/or interest in sustainable development
- 2. Unitarian Universalist Association (Global)  
Qualifications: deep interest in LGBTQ+ issues and commitment to gender equity

For more information about these organizations, see the LU-UN website and the NGO’s website.

**APPLICATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major** \_\_\_\_\_

**NGO (select one from list above)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Languages and level of proficiency:**

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**Recommendations:** Names of two Faculty/Staff members who would, if asked, speak on your behalf. No written recommendation required.

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**Video Statement:** Attach a 2-minute video statement of interest. Why are you interested in and qualified to represent the NGO to which you are applying? Post it to YouTube and send the link with your application—not just a link to a shared drive.

**Résumé:** Attach a current *résumé*.

All applicants **MUST** be full-time students and under the age of 32 until May 2018. Those chosen will begin UN service in August 2017. For more information on the program and application tips, visit <https://global.lehigh.edu/un-partnership/youth-representative-program>

Any questions regarding the program itself or the selection criteria should be directed to **Dr. Jenny Hyst, Assistant Director of United Nations Programs, at [jehc@lehigh.edu](mailto:jehc@lehigh.edu)**. Initial interviews will be conducted in person or via Skype. Finalists will be forwarded to the NGO president, who will make the final selection.

**Application Submission:** submit materials as an email attachment to Deb Rubart ([dara@lehigh.edu](mailto:dara@lehigh.edu)) by **Monday, September 17**. Subject line should include NGO name.