Illinois Innocence Project

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*Application is due by Friday of the first week of the semester (September 1st for fall 2017)

General Description of agency or business
The Illinois Innocence Project (IIP) has a three-part mission:
- To evaluate and investigate cases for credible claims of an Illinois inmate's actual innocence, and, when appropriate, provide legal representation and/or assistance toward proving the inmate's actual innocence
- To encourage meaningful reforms toward preventing the conviction of innocent persons in the future
- To educate the public and provide important educational and experiential opportunities for students about wrongful convictions.

Internship or Job Description
An internship position would entail research and analysis of cases, organizing files, as well as assisting the team with investigations. The position requires strong writing, organizational and legal research skills. Previous experience working with the Project is preferred, but not required. Students must fill out the Student Application which can be found on the Project’s website, www.uis.edu/Illinois/innocenceproject/students/, that will be used to gauge interest and trustworthiness in innocence case work.

Basic student learning anticipated
Students working with the Project will learn how a law office works. They will learn how to evaluate and analyze cases, how to locate and retrieve case documents from various sources and how the appellate process works. They will be able to increase their research, writing and analytical skills through various projects they are involved in. In addition, they may have the opportunity to participate in prison visits and court hearings, as well as strategy meetings with other attorneys working with the Project.

Hours per week: Up to 40  
Number of weeks: 16  
Position Available: Fall, Spring, Summer  
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