To contact a university (any university in the world, especially ones you may have friends, alumni or professor contacts there) and send them the document below in a quick email to the professor and/or deans. **You are offering this free online program as something for all their college students to do as part of a real college course or independent volunteer project.** For example, we've seen nursing students who went to poor countries to give vaccines to children but then we had our nursing college students actually teach in our online education program with all the details explained to a clinic director in Nigeria. And now that clinic director teaches other health workers in her community. And our nursing college students did it without the cost of travel not to mention they did the online education in places too dangerous for travel & remains off limits for foreign soldiers. For services like water wells, we link groups up with their local businesses.

YOUR EMAIL SUBJECT LINE: Online free class projects letting college students have a real chance to help a leader abroad

IN EMAIL TEXT BODY, FIRST START WITH A PERSONALIZED SENTENCE WHO YOU ARE ADDRESSING SO IT IS PERSONALIZED! Mention if you're a past student, alumni or the professor you personally know. Then cut and paste below:

Hello, Open Sources is a free online program created by the educated Diaspora worldwide that pushes and empowers college students, graduates and even professors to actually do a simple internet search of a developing country they want to help and find their own local nonprofit. They then contact the local director or any community leader there. The only thing they need is access to the internet and preferably a webcam. From there, students can connect with them 2-3X a week for about an hour at their own schedule to offer some form of education or help (but NEVER to donate money). Your students simply use our free document instructions and guidance with our free online curriculums & material and then help the local community leader or nonprofit director online (no travel needed, this is ONLINE).

Do you have a department or specific course that's globally-minded for grads or undergrads? Or maybe just a progressive intelligent college group of students

that care about the developing world? Then you should easily add this as a small semester project for students. Our focus includes outreach to community groups & nonprofit's in Africa, Latin America, & Asia for women's rights, engineering, poverty, civic engagement, medicine, local politics, security, health, clean water and agriculture – students choose their own countries & groups of interest to teach and educate that country's nonprofit/community leader in a subject the leader(s) need assistance in to continue their own vital work. Here's what we offer in this student semester project (done independently out of class between student and local leader).

*If you want this to be a graded semester project, how do students prove they went online and met with this leader 2-3X a week? Easy, students just turn in printed Skype conversations with the time stamps, dates and person's Skype name and their own (you can easily verify the Skype username of who it is from which country by searching it on your own Skype account). You can also offer this as an optional volunteer project but we'd much rather see it be part of your actual course since you don't have anything like this right now
*Develop excellent skills for critical thinking, international development, sociology, foreign language, public health, economics, public policy, global relations, humanitarian work, political science, psychology, marketing & business; create a real cross-cultural connection   *Students may ask to receive a recommendation letter by the nonprofit director's they assist at the end of these few weeks   *Freedom for student to teach using multiple sources and cultivating their own leadership and interdependence
*Students use our simple user-friendly on-line pre-made guides and curriculums to choose one of three ways:

a) <u>Help write a grant</u>: many local leaders and community nonprofits need help in proposal grant-writing and when they and students finish it together, the local leader abroad can learn how to write a basic grant from student's teaching of it along the way. We have a great example and guideline built for student's use. Of course, if they choose this they should have good writing and communicating skills.
b) <u>Do some online education</u>: in whatever subject student's feel comfortable teaching, they just do a Google search for an indigenous nonprofit leader of a developing country and start meeting with them online a couple days a week; we've had volunteer med students teach medicine to botany students teaching about agriculture to local farm groups abroad or any college student just teach

English online

c) <u>Policy making:</u> make local change for one key issue by working with a local community group in the area trying to fix or address this problem; help them organize a local campaign against those behind corruption or inefficient policies. Great for those in school who did/doing business, sociology, economics, political science, journalism or international relations, but open to any interested students.

If you want to do this just decide a timeline of how many weeks you want them to do for an hour count and tell them to go to www.communicationplatform.org/opensources.html and click on "Simple Guide" and they will get the instructions in PDF format. You can decide what they do (grant-writing, online education or policy-making) or let them decide, it's up to you. They can create real change.

Sincerely,
Open Sources Team
www.communicationplatform.org/opensources.html

PS – We often have professors themselves driven and hungry enough to volunteer for these education capacity projects too for areas of their own research and interest... anyone is welcome! We need more professors like that ready to create real actual change, join us!