



**Position:** Content Curation Internship - Middle East focus

**Organization:** SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

**Location:** Tempe; Remote

**Application deadline:** November 14th; applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

**Start date:** January 6th

**Type of internship:** non-paid; 10-15 hours per week

**Description:** SolarSPELL is seeking part-time interns to curate regionally-relevant, open access, educational content for the new Middle East collection of the SolarSPELL digital library. Curators will continue the work of a Fall 2021 team who began the development of this new collection, to be implemented in Northern Syria. Arabic and Kurdish speakers are highly encouraged to apply.

Potential content curation project areas are included below. In your application, please indicate if there are specific projects that you feel you have the skillset for because this will strengthen the application.

SolarSPELL is an educational initiative at Arizona State University that combines appropriate technology, relevant content, and local capacity building. We work to build internet-ready skills and improve educational opportunities around the world. Our offline digital library is designed to bring educational content to resource-constrained locations that may lack electricity, Internet connectivity, and/or traditional libraries. The SolarSPELL library emits an offline WiFi hotspot, to which any WiFi capable device (smartphones, tablets, laptops) can connect and browse the expansive content for free.

Users connect to the SolarSPELL offline, digital library over WiFi, using any WiFi-enabled device (smartphones, tablets, laptops) to freely, and safely, surf thousands of resources that are carefully curated and continually improved to meet local information needs.

More information on SolarSPELL can be found here:

<http://solarspell.org>

This internship offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to improving the quality of educational information available to students and teachers around the world, whose schools may lack internet connectivity, electricity, and/or traditional libraries. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by teachers and students, potentially within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend an orientation session and content curation training workshop at the beginning of the semester, and weekly virtual check-ins throughout the semester. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and proactive in their content curation tasks.

- 1) Middle East Library Collections
  - a) Research, review, and curate educational content in Arabic
  - b) Identify content relevant to potential communities we'll be serving in Northern Syria, Lebanon, and Northern Iraq. Potentially collaborate with implementation partners to identify content needs specific to the communities we will be serving.
  - c) Research, review, and curate educational content in Kurdish
  
- 2) All SolarSPELL Library Collections
  - Information Literacy and Digital Literacy content for teachers and students
  - Curating resources in Creative Arts, math, science, and other topics for grade school students
  - Curating general reference materials and teaching materials
  - Review content websites that we regularly curate from for updates (Big History Project, NASA, African Storybook, World's Largest Lesson, etc.)
  - Review existing content and identify new content that can be added to our current library modules; identify new interactive, educational modules that can be added to our libraries (example: PhET Interactive Simulations).

Other general tasks might include:

- Feedback on current user interface and library organization/navigation
- Metadata work, including tagging and organizing of content within the library database

- General research on regions and countries of implementation
- Checking content websites we regularly curate from for any new content

**How to apply:** Please send a resume and cover letter to Courtney Finkbeiner at [courtney.finkbeiner@asu.edu](mailto:courtney.finkbeiner@asu.edu). Your files should be in PDF format and follow the naming convention of LastName\_FirstName\_CV (resume) or LastName\_FirstName\_CL (cover letter).