



**Position:** Agricultural Library Intern

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

**Location:** Tempe and/or Remote

**Application deadline:** Applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

**Start date:** Immediate dependent upon availability

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

**Description:** SolarSPELL is seeking part-time interns to curate regionally-relevant, open access, educational content for SolarSPELL's Agriculture Library. New interns will build upon library development established by previous student teams. This internship is for the Fall 2022 semester with the potential to continue beyond as a member of the core team.

SolarSPELL is an offline, digital library initiative at Arizona State University that provides localized educational information and the training to build 21st-century skills in offline environments that may lack electricity, internet connectivity, and/or traditional libraries. We work with in-field partners, like the Peace Corps and the UN Refugee Agency, to build local capacities and ensure long-term, sustainable impact.

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.

The agriculture library has a focus on content regarding climate change adaptations for small scale subsistence farmers in regions around the world such as the Pacific Islands, East Africa, and Arizona. Background in small-scale agriculture of crops such as coffee, corn, climate change impacts, and animal husbandry will be necessary for research and content curation.

More information on SolarSPELL can be found here: <http://solarspell.org>

This internship offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to improving the quality of farming information available to students, farmers, and agricultural extension workers around the world, whose regions may lack internet connectivity, electricity, and/or traditional libraries. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by farmers and agricultural extension workers, 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.

Duties will include:

- Curate locally-relevant content to the region, including agriculture and climate change.
- Contribute to general library development through research, library testing, and other tasks as interested

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).