



Position: Content Curation Internship

Organization: SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

Location: Tempe; Remote

Application deadline: Dec. 1st 2022, applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled. Initial application review will begin after Dec. 1st

Start date: January 6th, 2023

Type of internship: non-paid; part-time

Description: SolarSPELL is seeking part-time interns to curate regionally-relevant, open access, educational content for various collections in the SolarSPELL library.

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 at ASU is a global educational initiative that combines curated digital libraries, solar-powered technology, and the training to build information literacy and internet-ready skills in offline environments, focusing on the half of the world that remains unconnected. 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) Jamaica
 - a) Curate content for a learning capsule filled with resources to support interactive, hands-on education around the Jamaican curriculum
- 2) Gender Equality Collection
 - a) Review current collection of resources related to gender equality in our East Africa and Pacific Islands collections and identify content needs
 - b) Curate content for a gender equality collection that follows themes covered in the Sustainable Development Goals (discrimination, equal rights, empowerment, violence, etc), while taking into account cultural considerations and sensitive topics of the specific communities we serve.
- 3) Southern Africa
 - a) Curate locally-relevant content to the region, potentially including health information about the COVID-19 pandemic
 - b) Curate resources related to local creative arts, environment, social studies, and other topics
 - c) Curate content supporting the curriculum of in-field partners, including Malawi, Lesotho, and Namibia
- 4) All SolarSPELL Library Collections
 - a) Information Literacy and Digital Literacy content for teachers and students
 - b) Curating resources in Creative Arts, math, science, and other topics for grade school students
 - c) Curating general reference materials and teaching materials
 - d) Review content websites that we regularly curate from for updates (Big History Project, NASA, African Storybook, World's Largest Lesson, etc.)
 - e) 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. Your files should be in PDF format and follow the naming convention of LastName_FirstName_CV (resume) or LastName_FirstName_CL (cover letter).