



Internship title: Health Digital Collections Specialist

Organization: SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

Location: Tempe and/or Remote

Type of internship: Non-paid; approximately 10 hours per week

Application deadline: July 31, 2023; applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

Start date: Aug 15, 2023

Description:

SolarSPELL is seeking a digital collections specialist intern to assist in library development and maintenance of the health collections in the SolarSPELL library. In particular, SolarSPELL is seeking candidates with experience in digital collections. Ideal candidates will be pursuing a Master's in Library and Information Science (or equivalent degree). Previous health profession, community health, or health information experience should be highlighted in your 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.

The health collections of the SolarSPELL library include nursing and midwifery, our biomedical engineering technician collection, and our growing community health collection. Future developments will include ophthalmology, standards of patient care, and biomedical technology collections for communities in East Africa (South Sudan, Malawi, and Ethiopia) and West Africa (Guinea and Ghana).

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, within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend a new intern orientation over Zoom. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and self-starters.

Internship duties will include the following:

- Digital asset management
- Cataloging health-related digital resources
- Reviewing collections for weeding
- Identifying content need areas
- Assist in ongoing standardization of keyword library
- Work with other student interns for library curation and metadata tagging

Essential qualifications:

- Experience with digital collections
- Working knowledge of copyright and creative commons

How to apply: If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rachel Nova at rnova@asu.edu. All documents should be in PDF format and follow the naming style of [LastName_FirstName_DesiredPosition]