Animation Internship

Internship title: Animation Intern

Organization: ASU SolarSPELL Initiative (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library)

Location: Remote and/or Tempe

Type of internship: Stipend or independent study credit available. If interested, contact SolarSPELL's student engagement coordinator Cassie Barrett at cbarre38@asu.edu.

Application deadline: October 29, 2023 – applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

Start date: November 13, 2024

Description:

Are you a talented animator passionate about effecting change around the world? SolarSPELL is seeking a creative and motivated student to assist with the development, design and production of a bold and engaging animation to help us share our story and train our users. This student will work closely with SolarSPELL's communication specialist and is encouraged to provide creative input. We are looking for a skilled visual storyteller who is interested in joining a collaborative team and supportive environment. Student success is central to everything we do, and staff/student mentoring plays a key role in that.

SolarSPELL is a global educational initiative at Arizona State University that combines solar-powered technology, digital libraries, 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 freely surf thousands of resources that are carefully curated and continually improved to meet local information needs. More information on SolarSPELL can be found at solarspell.org.

This position offers an exciting opportunity to hone your animation skills while making a global impact! Clear and compelling animations are crucial for helping us communicate with diverse audiences around the world. From showcasing our unique approach to explaining our innovative

technology, our animation interns play a vital role in helping SolarSPELL fulfill its mission of improving access to information and information literacy around the world.

Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and self-starters. A mandatory SolarSPELL on-boarding workshop will take place at the start of this internship. Successful students have the opportunity to continue this internship for multiple semesters.

Project description:

- 'How the SolarSPELL Library works' animation
    - Create a 30–60-second vector animation to help us explain how our technology works and how it differs from the internet. Our team has created a mock-up animation to start from.
    - Many SolarSPELL users don't understand that WiFi and internet aren't the same thing, so visualizing these largely invisible phenomena can help us train users more effectively.
    - Final product may be used as a visual during presentations or incorporated into online videos.

Essential duties:
- Ideate and create a clear and compelling animation, incorporating staff review and feedback
- Adhere to SolarSPELL and ASU branding guidelines

Minimal qualifications:

- Knowledge of design fundamentals and principles
- Ability to communicate effectively through visuals
- Experience using animation software such as After Effects, flash or 3D Studio Max
- Ability to meet deadlines and manage multiple projects concurrently
- Detail oriented and reliable; a strong and honest work ethic motivates you
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Creative and eager to apply innovative ideas to video conceptualization
- Thrive in a team environment and work well with others
- Globally minded; you have a desire to work for a department that serves communities from all over the world

<u>Applicants must submit at least one animation (link or file) as a sample of their work</u>.

How to apply: If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume, cover letter, and a sample of your work to Cassie Barrett at cbarre38@asu.edu. All documents should be in PDF format and follow the naming style of [LastName_FirstName_DesiredPosition]