



Cultural Content Curator Internship

Position: Content Curation Intern

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

Location: Tempe; and/or Remote

Type of internship: For credit or non-paid; approximately 10 hours per week

Application deadline: November 12, 2023; applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

Start date: January 8th, 2024

Description:

SolarSPELL is seeking interns who are passionate about global education 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, and this will strengthen the application.

SolarSPELL is a global educational initiative at Arizona State University that combines solar-powered 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 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 at 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) Southern Africa
 - a) Curate locally-relevant content to the region
 - b) Curate resources related to local creative arts, environment, social studies, and other topics
 - c) Curate content supporting the curriculum of in-country partners, including Malawi and Lesotho
- 2) All SolarSPELL Educational 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).
- 3) PBS Curation
 - a) Review PBS Learning Media website and curate relevant content
 - b) Identify any resources that have previously been curated from this website
 - c) Special focus on any educational content that falls under general education topics, as well as any content about climate change, social emotional learning, and information literacy.

Other potential general tasks:

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