



Global Education Research Assistant

Internship title: Global Education Research Assistant

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

Location: Tempe and/or remote (note: due to software constraints, local candidates strongly preferred)

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

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

Start date: January 8, 2024

Description:

SolarSPELL is seeking a highly motivated intern who is passionate about educational equity and global access to information to assist with project planning and implementation. SolarSPELL has multiple projects in countries around the world, including Rwanda, Northeast Syria, and South Sudan. The SolarSPELL team is seeking someone who can research future project opportunities, funding opportunities, and support the growth of the organization.

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 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 electricity and/or Internet connection. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by students and teachers within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend a new intern orientation upon the start of the internship. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and self-starters.

Essential Duties:

- Become familiar with SolarSPELL's education, agriculture, and health libraries
- Become familiar with the current SolarSPELL projects taking place with our in-country partners
- Conduct exploratory research on global education initiatives and countries/regions as directed by SolarSPELL staff
- Compile and present findings to SolarSPELL team
- Research funding opportunities and grants that could support new and existing SolarSPELL projects

Minimal Qualifications:

- Research experience
- Experience or background in education, agriculture, or health
- Detail oriented and reliable; a strong and honest work ethic motivates you
- Interest in nonprofit and/or global education sectors

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]