



Agriculture Content Curator

Position: Agricultural Content Curator

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 22, 2024; applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will continue to be accepted and reviewed every week until the position is filled.

Start date: January 13, 2025

Description:

SolarSPELL is looking for interns with a strong passion for agriculture to help research and curate region-specific, open-access educational content for SolarSPELL's Agriculture Library. New interns will build on the foundation established by previous student teams, enhancing the library's resources. The Agriculture Library focuses on climate change adaptation strategies for small-scale subsistence farmers in regions like South Sudan and Rwanda. A background in small-scale agriculture, including crops such as coffee and corn, as well as knowledge of climate change impacts is essential for effective research and content curation.

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 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 farming information available to students, farmers, and agricultural extension workers around the world, whose regions may lack electricity and/or access to the internet. Your contributions will be brought to the field and used by farmers and agricultural extension workers, potentially within months of your internship!

Interns will be expected to attend a new intern orientation and participate in an end-of-semester presentation. Interns must complete a content curation training workshop at the beginning of the semester and attend weekly virtual check-ins throughout the semester. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented, proactive in their content curation tasks, and have a desire to work for a department that serves communities from all over the world.

Essential duties:

- Conduct research about farming and agricultural practices in sub-saharan Africa, specifically South Sudan and Rwanda
- Curate locally-relevant content to the region, including topics like conservation agriculture, coffee production, and climate change
- Contribute to general library development through research, library testing, and other tasks as interested

Other general tasks may include:

- Feedback on current user interface and library organization/navigation
- Metadata work, including tagging and organizing of content within the library database
- Checking content websites we regularly curate from for any new content

Qualifications:

- Detail oriented and reliable; a strong and honest work ethic motivates you
- Globally minded; you have a desire to work for a department that serves communities from all over the world
- Background knowledge and/or experience with agricultural practices

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]