



Qualitative Research Assistant

Internship title: Qualitative Research Assistant

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

Location: Tempe (preferred) 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 seeking a curious and globally-minded qualitative research assistant, preferably a graduate student, to join our team in conducting qualitative data analysis and deriving meaningful insights from interviews and surveys with SolarSPELL's global library users. This role involves thematic coding of interview transcripts and survey responses, participating in team discussions, updating the codebook to ensure relevance to the data, and collaborating with the team to shape future data collection strategies across regions such as Malawi, Lesotho, and Rwanda. Data sources include digital and paper surveys, as well as interviews. The research assistant will also have the opportunity to co-author academic articles with Dr. Hosman and the SolarSPELL team.

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, 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 and/or electricity. Your contributions will help us improve our libraries and make a significant impact on our global users.

Interns will be expected to attend a new intern orientation and participate in an end-of-semester presentation. Ideal candidates will be detail-oriented and self-starters.

Essential Duties:

- Commitment to interning two semesters with the SolarSPELL team
- Obtain IRB training through the free ASU CITI program
- Collaborate with staff regarding immediate data analysis needs
- Conduct analysis of SolarSPELL data, with training & guidance from staff
- Collaborate with staff and interns regarding long-term data analysis processes
- Input new program data as necessary

Qualifications:

- Experience with Quantitative and/or Qualitative Data Analysis
- Interest in using data analysis to make informed recommendations
- Preferably international experience or a returned Peace Corps volunteer
- Preferably experience using qualitative data coding platforms such as Dedoose
- Globally minded; you have a desire to work for a department that serves communities from all over the world
- Current CITI IRB certificate or willingness to obtain CITI IRB certification (free through ASU)

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]