



## Qualitative Research Assistant

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

**Location:** Tempe and/or Remote

**Type:** Unpaid or for credit | ~10 hours/week

**Eligibility:** Open to all students and universities; international students welcome.

(Counts as on-campus experience for ASU students—**no OPT/CPT required.**)

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be open from **July 1- July 20** (please check our [student opportunities page](#) to find the application portal)

*Applications will be reviewed weekly on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.*

**Start Date:** August 20, 2026

### About the Internship

SolarSPELL is seeking a curious and globally-minded qualitative research assistant, preferably a graduate student, to support qualitative data analysis and generate insights from interviews and surveys with our global library users. This role involves data preprocessing, thematic coding of interview transcripts and survey responses, contributing to team analysis discussions, and collaborating with the team to shape future data collection and analysis strategies across contexts such as Lesotho, Rwanda, and South Sudan. The position offers an opportunity to engage in applied, cross-cultural research and may include co-authorship on academic publications with Dr. Hosman and the SolarSPELL team. It is particularly well suited for students seeking deeper experience in rigorous qualitative research in an international context. This role requires a two-semester commitment to ensure continuity in research and allow sufficient time to build familiarity with SolarSPELL's programs, data, and qualitative analysis processes.

### About SolarSPELL

SolarSPELL (Solar Powered Educational Learning Library) is a global educational initiative based at ASU. We create offline, solar-powered digital libraries designed for areas with little to no access to electricity or internet. Our libraries provide a WiFi

hotspot that enables free access to curated educational resources via any smartphone, tablet, or laptop.

- Learn more: <http://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.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend a new student orientation and participate in an end-of-semester presentation
- Commit 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 using various tools, including Dedoose
- Collaborate with staff and interns regarding long-term data analysis processes
- Input new program data as necessary

### **Ideal Candidate**

- 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
- Experience or willingness to learn 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

### **How to Apply**

- When applications open, you will be asked to submit a **resume and cover letter in PDF format** using the following naming convention:  
[LastName\_FirstName\_DesiredPosition]
- Starting on July 1st, visit our [student opportunities page](#) to submit your application

Internship positions are limited each semester. Availability may vary depending on the number of returning interns, and this role may not be open during your preferred term. For questions, contact SolarSPELL's Student Engagement Coordinator, Cassie Barrett, at [cbarre38@asu.edu](mailto:cbarre38@asu.edu)