Position: Digital Humanities Innovation Lab Digital Fellows, Digital Humanities Innovation Lab, W.A.C. Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University (with some time spent at other SFU campuses)

Description

This position supports the research, training, and outreach mandates of SFU’s Digital Humanities Innovation Lab (DHIL). Working in collaboration with the DHIL planning committee, this position acts as the lead research assistant on the Technical Development portfolio within the lab:

• Technical Development - assists the DH Developer with the technical development of digital projects affiliated with the lab. This position may also involve assisting with lab consultations and providing technical training to research teams working with the lab.

Qualifications:

• A Bachelor and/or a Master’s degree in a related field.
• Familiarity with platforms for working with and/or producing digital texts, images, audio, and video.
• Ability to communicate clearly with other team members and to work well in teams.
• Programming experience isn’t necessary, but will be considered an asset. A basic understanding of web technology (HTML, CSS, JavaScript) is necessary.
• Experience with content management systems, including at least one of WordPress or Drupal.

Additional consideration will be given for:

• Experience collaborating with people from different backgrounds.
• Experience using version control such as git or subversion.
• Experience using issue tracking software for tracking change requests, features, and bugs.

Digital Fellow (Technical Development) is expected to:

• Assist the DHIL Developer with documentation, testing, creating test plans and use cases.
• Where appropriate and under the supervision of the DH Developer, share technical and project skills through workshops and consultations.
• Document technical decisions and the technical design processes used in the lab and during discussions with partners.
• Building user documentation for “best practices” and “how-to guides” for software developed through the DHIL.
• Possible activities include: ensuring XML data is well formed and valid, converting documents from one format to another, uploading corrected text to a GitHub repository, editing database content.
• Dependent on skills and projects under development, there may be an opportunity for the DH RA to contribute to software development under the direction of the DH Developer.

Salary:
PhD Students $25/hour plus 12% benefits x 10-15 hours/week for 14 weeks/semester
MA Students $22.50/hour plus 12% benefits for 10-15 hours/week for 14 weeks/semester

Hours: 10-15 hours per week
Start Date: September 4, 2018
Term: 1 year, contingent on successful semesterly performance review

Application Process:
Applications must include:
• cover letter and resume [max 2 pages]
• names of 2 academic references [with email addresses]
• copy of most recent transcript [unofficial transcripts acceptable]

Deadline:
This posting will remain open until the position is filled, but applications will begin to be reviewed on July 16, 2018. To be given assured consideration, applications should be submitted via email in one consolidated PDF document.

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