Position Announcement

Book Research Assistant

Root Solutions is seeking volunteers to join a team of visionaries, creators, and disruptors who want to re-shape the future of the environmental movement in North America and beyond. We are currently looking for Book Research Assistants to join our team. Although this is a volunteer position, you will be an active member of our team and a listed staff on our website and in correspondences. You are vital to the success of programs that will transform the environmental movement and the planet.

Overall Function

We are currently in the final phases of finishing and editing a draft of our book, *Making Shift Happen*, which will be published in 2020. The book is a guide for environmental practitioners, advising them on how to use principles from behavioral science to run well-researched, experimentally driven environmental campaigns. The Book Research Assistant will help us prepare the book to be submitted to the publisher. Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Fact checking current content already written
- Searching for new content to ensure that each book topic is adequately covered, and contains the most up to date research
- Reading and summarizing articles that will be included in the book
- Drafting vignettes and possibly other content for the book

Qualifications/skills and knowledge requirements

- Ideal candidate is a part-time student or post-grad seeking experience in the environmental field (We prefer volunteers that can commit at least 100 hours between December 16 and March 20)
- Must have strong research and writing skills
- Must be well-organized, self-motivated, and detail-oriented
- Must be able to adapt and to prioritize
- Must have the ability to meet deadlines and demonstrate initiative
Opportunities

- Book assistants will gain experience working on a soon-to-be-published book, as well as in-depth knowledge about principles from behavioral science and the campaigns/experiments that have employed them.

Organization

Root Solutions works to provide conservationists and policy makers with tools and resources informed by the proven methods of behavioral economics and behavior design, allowing them to create more effective campaigns, policies, and strategies that reflect how people are actually motivated and make decisions. By understanding human behavior, and the factors which influence the choices people make, conservationists will be able to “nudge” people toward decisions and behavior that are good for them and good for the planet.

As a young non-profit with ambitious goals (including expanding our work to all cause movements), our existing funding is restricted to program activities. Root Solutions is primarily volunteer run.

Location & Logistics

This position can be 100% remote, but candidates must be able to connect with us via Zoom or over the phone. This position is part time. We are requiring a commitment of at least 100 hours between December 16 and March 20. We are happy to offer flexibility with your schedule, and are open to any variants of days that work best for you.

Compensation

This is a volunteer position

Application Materials

Interested applicants should submit a brief cover letter and resume to:

Lauren Highleyman Project Manager Email: info@therootsolutions.org
Subject Heading: Book Research Assistant

Indicate whether you are able to work for class credit or note whether you will receive any work-study or grant money for this position. Also indicate the number of hours you will be able to commit per week and whether you will be available during normal working hours.

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