Call for Interns in the Project FRIDA-A1

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The UNDL Foundation searches 8 interns to work in its Internship Program in Computational Linguistics (project FRIDA-A1) in the period of April-June 2014. Candidates must be native speakers of French, Romansh, Italian or German, and must be enrolled in any undergraduate or graduate program in the field of Languages, Linguistics, Computational Linguistics, Natural Language Processing or Translation Studies, in Switzerland or abroad. This is a part-time paid internship, which may be pursued from distance (online) or at the UNDL Foundation office in Geneva.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: March 16, 2014
- Notification of accepted candidates: March 23, 2014
- Internship: April 1 to June 30, 2014

REQUISITES

- Candidates must be native speakers of French, Romansh, Italian or German
- Candidates must be officially enrolled in any undergraduate or graduate program in the field of Languages, Linguistics, Computational Linguistics, Natural Language Processing or Translation Studies, in Switzerland or abroad
- Candidates must have been approved in CLEA250, CLEA500 and CLEA750. These certificates may be pursued online at VALERIE – the Virtual Learning Environment for UNL – available at   www.unlweb.net/valerie .

Candidates are not required to have any previous experience in natural language processing but are expected to have some acquaintance with Linguistics and a good command of English. The UNDL Foundation will provide all the necessary training and academic support for any of the tasks to be performed during the internship.

APPLICATION

In order to apply, candidates must fill in the form available at www.unlweb.net/unlversity

DURATION

The duration of the internship program is of 3 (three) months, from April 1 to June 30, 2014. This period can be extended up to 3 (three) months, upon the evaluation of the intern and the availability of entries in the database.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Each intern is expected to create a minimun of 2,000 dictionary entries per month at the UNLarium, a crowd-sourcing environment available at www.unlweb.net. Normally, a dictionary entry takes less than 2 min to be created, i.e., the expected workload is of around 70 hours per month, or 18 hours per week. Since the UNLarium is a web-based system, the work can be carried out from distance (online) or at the UNDL Foundation office in Geneva. In any case, the UNDL Foundation will not pay or reimburse any expense that interns may have concerning the internship, including infrastructure (hardware, software, power supply, internet connection, internet provider, etc.) and logistic support (printing material, phone calls, lodging, transportation, etc.).

REMUNERATION

Interns will receive CHF600.00 (six hundred Swiss Francs) per month as a full compensation for the internship activities. The UNDL Foundation will make no deductions from any of the payments due to interns, who will be personally responsible for any and all taxes and other payments due on payments received.

CERTIFICATION

The UNDL Foundation will issue a CERTIFICATE OF INTERNSHIP, upon evaluation, for those who have accomplished the tasks defined in the internship contract. Those interested in validating the internship program as academic credits must verify whether this possibility is supported by their academic institution. In any case, the UNDL Foundation has a legal framework to sign agreements with academic institutions, if necessary to be accredited as an official internship program partner.

PROJECT FRIDA

The Project FRIDA (Français, Rumantsch, Italiano and Deustch for Analysis) aims at analyzing and linking, to the UNL Dictionary, a list of words from the four official languages of Switzerland (French, Romansh, Italian and German). The results are expected to be incorporated in UNL-driven applications, such as Muhit, Lily, Keys and Tut, and, as any resources released in the UNLarium, will be published under a CC-BY-SA Creative Commons license. The project FRIDA is sponsored by Fondation Hans Wilsdorf.

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THE UNDL FOUNDATION

The UNDL Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, which has received, from the United Nations, the mandate for exploiting the Universal Networking Language (UNL). The UNL is an artificial language that has been used for several different tasks in natural language engineering, such as machine translation, multilingual document generation, summarization, information retrieval and semantic reasoning. It has been, since 1996, a unique initiative to reduce language barriers and strengthen cross-cultural communication in the framework of the UN.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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