



Curriculum Research Associate – French Language Curriculum Development

Summary:

We are seeking a curriculum research associate to assist us in the development of our French language curriculum that will be used to teach students the basics of the French language, as well as, provide French language educational content in the areas of science, math, and reading comprehension.

The goal, on a much broader scale, is to empower our students to interact with others from across the continent of Africa through French, since Africa hosts the largest number of French-speaking regions outside of the country of France. This is even more pertinent when considering our work in refugee settlements in Uganda, many of which host French speakers from the DRC, Burundi, and Rwanda who struggle to adapt to the English-language Ugandan Curriculum.

Our ideal candidate will have previously worked with our teams at either the University of British Columbia or McGill University; and will be able to continue to monitor their impacts following this volunteer position. Being energetic and passionate about providing sustainable access to youth education in even the most remote regions of our planet is a must. This volunteer is someone who will be able to commit to spending at least sixty days with our volunteer staff in Paris, France, with opportunity to follow on in a continuing volunteer capacity following their time with our France team.

Start date:

As soon as possible for a 2-3 month period.

Organization Overview:

Simbi Foundation is a research-led non-profit organization that works with its partner communities and academics around the world to develop lasting solutions that enhance meaningful and sustained access to education. We're a fast growing organization with extensive teams in Vancouver, France, Uganda, and India. To date, we have supported communities in Uttarakhand, India, across remote Uganda, and in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, Uganda.

Responsibilities:

- Overseeing the development of a French language curriculum and working with all stakeholders, both local and abroad in our communities, on such developments.
- Support in procurement of relevant expertise from local area schools or academic institutions to assist in certification and development of curriculums.
- Responsible for sourcing open-source textbooks and content to supplement curriculum content created by Simbi.
- Weekly reporting on curriculum development and other success metrics.
- Create a shortlist of students who will read aloud the curriculum for submission into Simbi.
- Develops strategies and plans in coordination with the Executive team to fund the short and long-term goals.

- Monitor success of pilot curriculum implementations.

Qualifications:

- English-speaking, research-oriented, self-starter.
- 3+ years of experience in community work through social, community, or other programming targeted to youth.
- Success in initiating, developing, and enhancing relationships with key stakeholders.
- Proven track record with community-based volunteer organizations.
- Demonstrated expertise in communications.
- Working proficiency of at minimum reading and writing in French.
- Proven analytical abilities – must know how to think creatively and solve problems.

Honorarium:

Thanks to our generous donors, a honorarium of \$500 will be available to the candidate prior to starting work.

Time Commitment:

24 hours per week + occasional after-hours meetings and events.

To inquire about this volunteer position, please contact Simbi Foundation Executive Director Aaron Friedland via: aaron@simbifoundation.org