The Department of Psychology at San José State University is involved in collaborative research with civil service scientists from the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Research Group of the Human Systems Integration Division at the NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) in Mountain View, CA. The research is centered on the development, design and testing of next-generation mission planning systems for NASA’s space explorations missions.

We are seeking a Student Assistant who will contribute to our efforts in the areas of mission planning, crew autonomy, and NASA education outreach. This summer, you will have the opportunity to work on the Scheduling and Planning Interfaces for Exploration (SPIFe) team within the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Group at NASA Ames Research Center. During your appointment, you can learn about the challenges of building software for mission control and astronauts in an effort support human exploration on Mars and beyond. In addition, you will also demonstrate and advance your software development skills by supporting NASA initiatives and programs. The work that you do during this appointment will very likely go into production, both for the web and eventually space!

The Student Assistant will work on-site at NASA Ames Research Center in California. The duration of this summer appointment will be approximately 12 weeks.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

a) Implement new features, under the guidance of the Project Director, into an existing software code base following requirements given by user experience designers.

b) Ability to figure out solutions to software development problems using resources publicly available and also with guidance of mentors.
c) Assist the project team in exploring novel solutions for expanding the capabilities of our software tools.

d) Collaborate a team of design and development interns to execute your vision.

e) Work directly with the core team members for mentorship and guidance.

f) Perform other duties as assigned.

INTERPERSONAL CONTACTS:
1) Reports to the Project Director.
2) Interacts with NASA Ames civil service and Foundation research staff, including student assistants, daily.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES
None.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1) Education and Experience
   • Must be a student properly enrolled and in good standing at either SJSU or another institution of higher learning; actively pursuing a degree in Computer Science, Information Systems, Software Engineering or equivalent in software development work experience.
   • Must have completed at least one year of college.
   • Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
   • At least 1 year of experience with JavaScript, and libraries/frameworks such as jQuery, NodeJS, and Backbone, is required.

2) Knowledge, Skills, Abilities Required
   • Working knowledge of current computer and office automation equipment.
   • Proficient in MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), or other applicable software packages.
   • Strong written and verbal communication and leadership skills required.
   • Ability to use initiative and sound independent judgment within established guidelines.
   • Ability to organize work, set priorities and meet critical deadlines with little supervision.
   • Ability to work effectively and maintain cooperative working relationships with others.
   • Ability to manage time effectively.
   • Ability to work individually and in a team

3) Complexity of Duties
   • Exercises independent judgment in the management and completion of diverse and complex set of tasks.

4) Physical Requirements
   • Must be able to operate a PC including mouse and keyboard.
   • Must be able to operate general office equipment.
   • Visual acuity associated with concentrated computer use.
   • Located at the NASA Ames Research Center. Therefore, employee must meet security qualifications for entrance to the Center.
   • Employee will be a US citizen or Permanent Resident.
   • Must be at least 18 years old.
NOTE: This position description intends to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job. It is not intended to include all duties and responsibilities. The order in which duties and responsibilities are listed is not significant.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
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An applicant may also apply in person by visiting the Research Foundation, located at
210 North 4th Street, 3rd Floor,
San Jose, CA (corner of St. James and North 4th Streets)

Please address your formal application, your resume and your letter of interest directly to:
San Jose State University Research Foundation
Attn: HR/Job Code SACS
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San Jose, CA  95112
E-mail: foundation-jobs@sjsu.edu

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