Research Assistant for Melissa Dell

The student will help curate a corpus of documents to be included in the initial phase of the Automated History Archive, an initiative that will automate the conversion of hard copy historical data into classified data models. The output will be deposited in an open source collaborative data platform. Many of the biggest challenges that our society faces have their roots in the past, and history can provide fundamental insights into their causes and potential solutions. This platform will substantially lower the costs of accessing a variety of rich historical data sources by leveraging AI and open collaboration. The position will involve communicating with the Harvard libraries and with students and faculty who will be likely users of the platform. The student will also summarize candidate publications, research related initiatives, and provide feedback on the design of the platform. It is a great learning opportunity for a student whose interests lie at the intersection of the social and computational sciences.

Excellent written and oral communication skills are required. The position will require approximately 10 hours/week. Interested applicants can send a CV and writing sample to Melissa Dell at melissadell@fas.harvard.edu