Emily Carr Living Labs
Call for Applications: Research Positions, Design for Startups

Dates: January – April, 2017

Living Labs at Emily Carr is currently seeking qualified students for research positions with the Design for Startups project in the spring of 2017.

Living Labs at Emily Carr is seeking Student Research Assistants (RAs) to form an innovative design research team to work with early-stage companies in British Columbia. This is an exciting opportunity to connect to startup culture in BC and to gain unique experience engaging with the accelerated research and development (R&D) model used by Internet companies. RAs will work directly with the technical and business leads of emerging companies to explore and develop new methodologies for embedding design in startups. The RAs will engage directly with product innovations as they emerge within the iterative, accelerated research processes. RAs will consider existing design gaps, perform user interface/usability studies, and develop design strategies for the companies in residence.

See d4s.ecuad.ca for more information on the project.

Role
- Meet regularly with the business and technical team at one company to establish project deliverables and working processes
- Meet regularly with Research team to apply Lean and Agile Design methodologies to project work, so as to provide shared feedback and keep projects on track
- Apply research and design methodology to establishing and proposing great design solutions
- Develop a series of reports summarizing findings and proposals, including a concluding report
- Develop and produce a public presentation for participating companies and other project stakeholders

Qualifications
Candidates must possess the following in order to be considered for this position:
- Be enrolled at Emily Carr University of Art + Design (3rd or 4th year undergraduate or graduate student) with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be an amazing designer with flexible technical and creative skills across web, UX, communication or industrial design
- Possess excellent teamwork skills and a flexible, creative attitude
- Have strong organizational, research, communication, and presentation skills
- Have the ability to work independently and adapt responsively to changing conditions
- Have use of your own laptop
- Must be available to meet with company teams and internal research group as needed

Pay
Please note this position will be paid by stipend; eligible students may also apply for co-op credit for this project. Design for Startups is contingent upon external funding sources and will be confirmed to run in early January, 2017.

Please send your CV and a short cover letter detailing your interest in the position to Laura Kozak: kozak@ecuad.ca. Only successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Deadline: Wednesday, December 14, 2017