

RHIZOME

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DESIGN LEAD, WEBRECORDER (Part-Time)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2017 at 11:59pm EST

START DATE: February 15, 2017

LOCATION: FLEXIBLE

Rhizome seeks a skilled, level-headed, and friendly HCI/interface designer for its Webrecorder project, generously funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Design Lead will design and evolve the user interface of this potentially revolutionary tool for archiving the dynamic web, which an audience ranging from digital preservation professionals to scholars, artists and political activists. This is a part-time, salaried position.

****Rhizome is committed to diversity in its workforce; applicants of backgrounds underrepresented in the field are especially encouraged to apply****

ABOUT THE WEBRECORDER PROJECT

Webrecorder is a novel solution to the problem of archiving highly dynamic web content, like social media sites, which are personalized for each user and are based on complex client-side scripting and present lots of interactive and streaming media. Webrecorder allows users to create high-fidelity, interactive recordings of such web sites, which currently lack meaningful archival methods. It is a project of Rhizome, under Lead Developer Ilya Kreymer and Preservation Director Dragan Espenschied.

ABOUT RHIZOME

Born on the internet in 1996, Rhizome is a non-profit art organization which commissions, presents, and preserves born-digital art and culture. We are an affiliate in residence at the iconic New Museum in New York City, where we have our primary offices—additional distributed employees work in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and London. The focus on developing original software for digital preservation in-house distinguishes Rhizome among cultural institutions, as does our mandate to match all tech development with ongoing critical research and programming.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conceptualizing the software, identify user goals and user persona
- Conducting user research and user tests (remotely or in-person) to evaluate interface ideas and existing implementation

- Working collaboratively with the product design team and providing input throughout the design process
- Creating a visual language, functional hierarchy and interaction patterns to systematically apply to the whole project
- Create additional materials like presentations, diagrams and documentation

REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong conceptual and visual skills
- Demonstrated experience in designing practical, forgiving and attractive interfaces for web applications
- Familiarity with established interface patterns and an understanding for when to introduce new idioms
- Ability to produce rough prototypes and web front-end code (html/css/js)
- Experience with user-testing and interface design metrics
- The ability to lead, communicate, and work well within a team

PLUS:

- Experience with free software/open source software design (community involvement in design process)
- Experience in digital archiving
- Experience with web archiving
- Deep engagement with digital culture and emerging technologies

To apply, send a resume, cover letter and links to work samples to webrecorderjobs@rhizome.org