Help Wanted -- Undergraduate Research Assistants

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Research topic / area: French history, Enlightenment & French Revolution, history of print/history of the book

When will the URA be needed?  
(Suggested time commitment: A total of 20 hours of work for each credit hour taken)

___ Autumn, Second Session (Begins October 16) (1-2 credit hours)
___ Spring Semester (1-3 credit hours)
___ May Term (1-3 credit hours)
___ Summer Term (1-3 credit hours)

Job description: The project is to transcribe letters written to the editors of French newspapers in the 1770s and 1780s. The goal of this project is to convert .jpg or .pdf files collected in France into searchable text files. In this new format, it will be possible to trace the repetition and evolution of content with greater precision. The most immediate application of these results is a series of conference papers and journal articles. (If you want to learn more, I can send you a paper on current work). Further down the road, visualizations like the ones at Stanford (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nw0oS-AO1PE), Northeastern(http://viraltexts.org/), and elsewhere will be possible.

Desired Qualifications: Knowledge of French and/or experience reading 18th century print documents.

Educational Outcome(s) for the Student: Students will gain experience working on a digital humanities project. It’s a great way to learn more about the research process alongside a small group of students and OSU faculty.

What the student should submit in order to apply: a resume and a short statement of interest.

Application review by faculty member will begin around what date? November 1