Bhutan 17th and 18th Century Rare and Digital Archives Project

We are the Bhutan Rare and Historical Digital Archive project! The Bhutan Rare and Historical Digital Archive project involves digitizing rare and historic 17th and 18th century Bhutanese diplomatic documents. Currently, our understanding of the diplomatic context and history of early Bhutan is only partially complete and growing. There is no centralized and searchable online archive of all of these documents. The incorporation in digital format at OU and Thangka Conservation and Preservation Centre in Thimphu, Bhutan of this corpus of new and unique rare and historical Bhutanese documents will significantly enhance novel insights and interpretations on how early Bhutanese foreign affairs developed over time. Incorporated in this online and searchable archive will be documents, scriptures, and historical objects based on 17th and 18th century history, religion, and governance in Bhutan. The documents will also comprehensively cover diplomatic relations in the 17th and 18th century between Bhutan and Cooch Behar Kingdom, India, Vatican City, Tibet, China, and Sikkim.

I am looking for an undergraduate researcher with an interest and emphasis in digital humanities web page construction. The searchable web page that will be constructed will allow the general public and scholars to research and interpret the history, background, and context of various documents now contained in the archive. If interested, please contact Professor Michael Givel for an interview and send a resume to Professor Michael Givel at mgivel@ou.edu.