

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Bradley St Bicycle Co-op
<i>Full street address</i>	138 Bradley St New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.bsbc.co

PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

The supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis.

<i>Name</i>	Catherine Lindsay
<i>Title</i>	Operations Manager
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Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)

June 6th – August 19th preferred, but placement dates are flexible.

Are placement dates flexible? Are there any dates on which your Fellow must work?

Yes all dates are flexible

Proposed work schedule (*work week should equal and not exceed 37.5 hours per week*)

Tuesday - Saturday, 12pm-7pm

Organization description (*mission statement, population served. 1,000 characters or less*)

Bradley St Bicycle Co-op (BSBC) is committed to building a more equitable New Haven by getting people on bikes. Bikes are so important in our fight for climate justice, resilience, and redistribution of power. Community spaces like

this one are as important as they are rare in New Haven and beyond. Volunteers fix up forgotten and broken down bikes that we then donate to clients at our partner organizations; Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) and CT Mental Health Center (CMHC). Additionally, we provide an inexpensive place where any one can come to use tools and learn how to maintain their own bike. In warm months we hold mobile repair clinics to get people's bikes in working order all over the city.

Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (500 characters or less).

The Fellow will help facilitate mobile bike-repair clinics that we will be hosting in conjunction with public library branches around the city. The Fellow will build a relationship with New Haven Parks and Rec to communicate about the maintenance and functionality of bike pump stations in New Haven.

Additionally, next summer will be the first year we have use of Mulberry Jam Park next door to the Co-op and the Fellow will help integrate programming and volunteer activations around that space.

Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.

Mobile Bike Repair Clinic: Communicate with library branch contacts, confirm appointments, coordinate transportation of supplies to the site and make sure events are staffed with enough volunteers. Conduct program evaluation.

Mulberry Jam Park: gather input from our volunteer community about desired causes and activities, along with staff - develop, promote and execute events in the space that are inclusive and promote civic engagement.

Other: set up meeting with Parks Dept. of New Haven to talk about bike-pump/maintenance stations. Visit stations periodically to check that they are functioning and create signage to help neighbors use the stations more confidently.

List specific skills/experience required for the project

Excellent verbal communication, community oriented, interested in cooperative leadership models, ability to be punctual and organized.

Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement.

Ability to work Saturday is a big plus but not absolutely mandatory.

Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.

Yale students make up about 1/3 of our volunteer crew here at the Co-op and we absolutely could not do what we do with out their amazing input. Yale students have donated their time here to fix bicycles, lead community bike rides around New Haven and in the last year mobilize into working groups at the Co-op to oversee fundraising, hire new staff, and update by-laws for the organization.