

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Calvin Hill Day Care Center
<i>Full street address</i>	150 Highland Street, New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.calvinhilldaycare.org

PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

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

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<i>Title</i>	Director
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Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)

May 30-July 28.

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

We are closed on June 19th, July 4th, and for the entire month of August. We can work around any meeting requirements of the fellowship. Please let us know those dates in advance.

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

We are open 8:00-5:15, Monday through Friday. A full time schedule is 7.5 hours per day, 37.5 hours a week, typically 8:30-4:00 or 10:00-5:30 for the fellows.

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

The mission of Calvin Hill Day Care Center and its Kitty Lustman-Findling Kindergarten is to provide high-quality, affordable, nurturing care and education to children between the ages of 2 years 8 months to 6 years old. We currently have 54 children enrolled. Families pay tuition based on their annual income. 75% of our families are Yale affiliated. We participate in the New Haven School Readiness Program. We serve as a support for families, working in partnership with parents to meet the emotional, social, physical, intellectual, and academic needs of their children. The Center values diversity in all forms and aspires to be a welcoming place for all people.

The importance of childcare has become even more obvious since the COVID-19 pandemic. Childcare is essential for working families and the field deserves to be treated with respect. Our teachers are highly qualified, many with advanced degrees, and take the work very seriously. Calvin Hill is nationally accredited through NAEYC.

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

The fellow will work directly with children and will support overall program quality and integrated play-based, emergent curriculum. They will be part of a team of caring and attentive teachers that strive to engage children in our program activities provide support for them as they navigate the social and emotional challenges of their day.

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

Initially, the fellow will observe in the classrooms to get to know the children and the teaching style of our staff. The fellow will always work under the supervision of our experienced teachers and will not be solely responsible for the supervision of children or planning curriculum.

Depending on the skill level and interest, our fellow will take on many helpful roles in the classroom over the weeks of their placement. They will work with children in small groups, read stories, observe children while they play, sit with

them at meals and naptime, and help with the general maintenance of the classroom (setting up cots, helping with clean up time, etc.) Childcare is really an all hands on deck effort.

The fellow will work full-time in our classroom from May 30th to July 28th. Most of this time will be during our summer program when the children spend more time outside, playing in the sprinklers and helping in the garden. Full time is 7.5 hours per day. A typical shift is 8:30-4:00 or 10:00-5:30.

Several fellows have been particularly interested in the theory and practice of early childhood education. To that end, we have made available a highly experienced mentor teacher who can provide relevant readings and will meet with the fellow to discuss these readings and other aspects of the placement at Calvin Hill.

List specific skills/experience required for the project

1. Experience working with young children is required, such as camp counseling or babysitting.
2. Ability to work on a team.
3. Interest in child development and early education.
4. Good interpersonal skills.
5. Able to relate to people from all different backgrounds.
6. Energy and stamina.
7. The ability to find joy in relationships with children and adults.
8. Must be up to date on their COVID vaccinations.

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

A car is helpful but Calvin Hill can be reached by the Yale Shuttle.

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.

We have been fortunate to have had several Yale Presidential Fellows before the pandemic, most recently in 2019. Fellows left our program with heightened observation skills, a better understanding of the day-to-day preschool experience for children, families, and teachers, and an appreciation for the complexity of running a high-quality, educationally sound childcare program. Two of our past

fellows joined our Board of Directors as our Yale undergraduate representative for their senior year.

Calvin Hill also provides observation experiences for Yale undergraduates participating in three courses (Theory and Practice of Early Childhood Education, Child Development, and Language, Literacy, and Play) taught by Dr. Carla Horwitz, the Director Emerita of Calvin Hill Day Care Center. Dr. Horwitz is a member of the faculty at the Yale Child Study Center, the Department of Psychology, and the Education Studies Program. We also employ many dedicated Yale undergraduates and graduate students through the Yale work study program to help in our classrooms during the academic year.