

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Haven's Harvest
<i>Full street address</i>	269 Peck St, New Haven CT 06513
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.havensharvest.org

PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

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

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

The start and end dates are flexible.

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

The dates are flexible.

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

The work week is flexible- but generally 8:30am - 4:pm M-F. If weekend events need coverage, then the Fellow can take time off during the week. Some work will be not done on-site, for example, data collection and partner conversations. If Fellow has a car available to them, food recovery runs would be a possibility.

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

Our mission is to build community, and reduce food waste, one food rescue at a time. Our goal is to have no good food go to waste. We are a hyper-local, volunteer-driven, direct-delivery environmental organization recovering food and serving the communities in New Haven and beyond. We recognize the overlap in communities needing food and harmed by the environmental effects of food waste. Building strong relationships in the community with our food donors, volunteers and recipient partners has been the key to our growth.

We use an app to manage our food recovery operation. Our work is communication-heavy. It is wonderful to tie the community together with food.

We have a small warehouse space for dry and cold storage. We have been utilizing it regularly to aggregate food to share with partners.

We are looking at another shared site that allows for more growth and collaboration, in the same neighborhood.

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

The Fellow would be in a community outreach role. The time would be split in the warehouse to meet partners and volunteers to accept and share food, using social media, using our app for data collection and management, in the community at events or surveying partners to update information.

We share food with non-traditional food sharing sites- daycare centers, schools, health clinics, methadone clinics, subsidized housing sites.

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

Warehouse space- This is our space to welcome visitors and share food. The outcome is to have folks leaving understanding that they are a part of a larger mission to transform the way we consider excess or leftover food. We can make a difference for climate change and our neighbors.

The data collection is important to keep up-to-date. The data is what we use to tell our story in numbers of food donors, food recipient sites, carbon prevented, active volunteers and weight of food recovered. We have two surveys that need

automated. Some tech support to make these happen & to aggregate results would be helpful.

Tabling at events and/or visiting partners for the outreach piece of the Fellowship is the most fun, engaging and where we learn a lot. We want to be community responsive. This necessitates taking time to get feedback and learn best how to collaborate with each partner.

We are open to feedback and any organizational support that the Fellow may notice could be useful. The outcome we expect is that the Fellow has learned about food recovery via the lens of Haven's Harvest work. That our organization is stronger for the work done- data collection, surveying of partners, and potentially expansion of partners.

List specific skills/experience required for the project

- Eagerness for transformational work
- Enthusiasm for New Haven
- An interest in food systems
- Good communication skills
- Adaptability
- Reliability

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

Weekend hours might be necessary.

A car is useful at times-but not required. Federal mileage reimbursement would apply.

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.

In 2018, Yale Design for America Students for created a flyer for our organization.

In 2022, Elmseed has partnered with Haven's Harvest. The plan is still being developed.

In Fall 2022, Yale SOM students stepped in to create new onboarding materials for new volunteers and to facilitate and support a volunteer event.

In Fall 2022, the Yale Urban Philanthropic Fund has an agreement to create an impact report for Haven's Harvest.