

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Inspired Communities Inc #1
<i>Full street address</i>	324 Shelton Ave New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.inspiredcommunitiesinc.org

PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

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

<i>Name</i>	Kim Harris
<i>Title</i>	Executive Director of Inspired Communities Inc.
<i>Cell phone number</i>	203-605-9795
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Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)

Inspired Communities Inc., would love to have the opportunity to have a Fellow the full 11-week placement and would be flexible in ensuring to support the specific needs of the Fellow when identifying and confirming the final dates.

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

Inspired Communities Inc., is very open to flexibility wherever needed.

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

Inspired Communities Inc. would like to propose a suggested working schedule of Monday – Thursday from 9:00am – 6:00pm and Fridays 9:00am – 2:30pm.

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

(ICI), is a non-profit community-based enrichment building organization that was founded in the Newhallville neighborhood of New Haven, CT) in 2019.

Our mission: is to help create and build enrichment experiences that inspire and empower, while adding value to the neighborhood.

Our vision: is to impact every family that lives in Newhallville (and beyond) with ideas, solutions, information and possibilities in a place call Inspired Communities Inc.

ICI has had the pleasure of developed a communication / information system that communicates with over 500 families who are seeking information in the neighborhood.

In September of 2021 ICI and its students identified and started designing a space that would allow for training of children, youth and adult, while showcasing the beauty of Newhallville. Overall ICI has served 263 children ages 6 to 12. 60% were from Newhallville 35% New Haven / 5% other communities. 90% of our children come from low income housing.

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

The Yale Fellow will gain loads of hands-on enrichment experiences working with children ages 6 to 12 to help collect, formulate and organize Newhallville Street data and use it as an historical innovation tool for the Newhallville Kids Cultural Museum. This data will be used in the ICI project based on the history and culture of Newhallville streets, where most of our students live.

2. Assist with of summer showcase of project
3. Work to strengthen and support social media / information

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

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Our first exhibit will be called History & Culture of Newhallville Streets. The students along with its Follow and staff will research the history and data of the Newhallville streets and create stories that will reveal how Newhallville families helped to shape the history of Newhallville.

The summer will culminate with a gala / Q & A session that will showcase the work of the students, the Fellow and the history and culture of Newhallville Streets.

Benefits to Students

- Student will enhance reading, writing and math skills, while learning about the streets they live in and play on.
- Students will gain Science and Technology skills while working on innovative ways to show the culture of Newhallville.
- Access to high-quality programming and innovation.
- Connections to past generations.
- Pride and joy in their neighborhood.
- Fun and enrichment.
- Leadership development.
- Understanding of the importance of building and growing community.

Benefits to Families:

- Safe space for children.
- Information and knowledge about the community lived in.
- Connections to neighborhood.

Benefit to Community

- Added value and pride for where the community lives.
- Community collaborations.
- Greater understanding of neighborhood culture and its importance.

List specific skills/experience required for the project

- Cultural curiosity and humility
- Inspiring
- Must like children and communicate well with them

- Open and eager to listen and learn
- Organizational skills, interpersonal, and managerial skills
- Research minded
- Respect for inner city / urban children, families and teachers
- Self-motivated
- Strong organizational skills
- Strong written and verbal Communication skills
- Summarize the success and challenges of the summer program.
- Tech skills (including Canva, and graphic design savviness)

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

1. Volunteer background check required
2. Applicant may be invited to chaperone trips which may extend beyond regular work hours; however, transportation is not a requirement of this role and Fellow will not exceed allotted work hours.
3. There may be an occasional Sunday event, but this will not impact work hours for the week.

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.

About our Yale student, Mr. Dominqi Oti:

In September of 2021 ICI and its students identified and started designing a space that would allow for training of children, youth and adult, while showcasing the beauty of Newhallville. With the help of Dominqi Oti, an Architecture Design student from Yale (class of 2022), we were able to work on a space in the heart of Newhallville. This space will be a training space that will feature the Newhallville Kids Cultural Museum.

- Mr. Dominqi has put together the design of the space
- Guest speaker at our Kids Summit
- Helped with presenting presentations to funders
- Secured funding for the project.
- Secured materials
- Taught Weekly Architecture Design and coding classes with the students

Dominqi was introduced to ICI by New Haven Housing Services and has been a blessing to Inspired Communities Inc.

