

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Inspired Communities Inc. #2
<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.
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Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)

Please know that we are very open to being flexible wherever needed.

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

Inspired Communities Inc., would love to have the opportunity to have a Fellow the full 1-1week placement and would be flexible in ensuring to support the specific needs of the Fellow when identifying and confirming the final dates.

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 Friday’s 9:00am – 2:00pm.

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

Inspired Communities Inc. (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, served over 300 children ages 6 to 12. 60% were from Newhallville 35% New Haven / 5% other communities. 92% of our children come from low-income, single-family households.

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

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

1. The Yale Fellow will gain loads of hands-on enrichment experiences working with children ages 6 to 12 as the Fellow will document behind the scenes as children and staff collect, formulate and organize Newhallville Street data and use it as an historical innovation tool for the Newhallville Kids Cultural Museum. The video will be used to give the audience a behind the scenes look at the making of the history and Culture of Newhallville Streets, a place where most of the ICI students live.

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

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community, while developing its next generation of leaders through enrichment experiences.

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Here is the description of what we hope our Fellow will be able to do:

- ♣ Fellow will Document and edit summer 2023 as children collect data and do research about the history of Newhallville Streets.
- ♣ Fellow will complete a 30 sec to 1 min trailer of project.
- ♣ Fellow will assist staff in teaching students interviewing techniques
- ♣ Fellow will help to complete a 7 to 15 mins documentary of Culture of Newhallville Streets (title subject to change)
- ♣ Fellow will help with other duties and details of the projected project.

ICI will supply the camera and laptop for editing.

The exhibit of Newhallville Street Culture will reveal and showcase how Newhallville families helped to shape the history of Newhallville. The summer will culminate with a gala that will showcase the work of the students and the history of Newhallville Streets.

Benefits to Students

- Students will gain Science and Technology skills while working with a skilled videographer.
- Student will enhance reading, writing and math skills, while learning about the streets they live in and play on.
- 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 to learn.
- 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

Ability to be flexible
 Able to edit and complete video project
 Able to use video camera
 Be Inspiring
 Clear understanding of documenting via video
 Creative and innovative
 Cultural curiosity and humility
 Likes to have fun
 Logging footage
 Must like children and communicate well with them
 Open and eager to listen and learn
 Organizational skills, interpersonal, and managerial skills
 Other duties that come with documenting via video
 Proficient with iMovie or other editing platform
 Self-motivated
 Strong organizational skills
 Strong written and verbal Communication skills
 Summarize the success and challenges of the summer program.
 Video Tech skills (sound, lighting, camera positioning)

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 Applicant may be invited to chaperone trips which may extend beyond regular work hours; however, transportation is not a requirement of this role.
2. 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 the Newhallville Community.