

# Yale University

## President's Public Service Fellowship

### Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2024

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#### Organization information

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

#### PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

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**What is the best way for prospective student applicants to contact you with questions about your proposal?**

- Contact the person below with questions about this proposal:

Kim Harris, 203-605-9795

**Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 28, 2024 through Friday, August 9, 2024)**

Inspired Communities Inc., would love to have the opportunity to have a Fellow the full 11 weeks 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?**

Please note that we are very open and flexible 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 Friday’s 9:00am – 2:30pm. Subject to change as needed.

**If a hybrid schedule is offered at your site, please describe:**

N/A

**Organization description**

Inspired Communities Inc., (ICI) is a Community Vitality Development Corporation. ICI works in communities of need to connect and strengthen people in the neighborhood through Child & Youth Enrichment, Culture, Neighborhood Empowerment, Partnerships, Workforce Development & Training. ICI was founded in the Newhallville Neighborhood of New Haven, CT in 2019, as a non-profit 501(c)3.

Our Mission & Purpose is to cultivate young minds, develop pipelines of leaders and reimagine partnerships in Greater Newhallville and beyond. We are a judgement free zone and welcome all who want to create, discover and unlock the neighborhood splendors, while enriching community culture, possibilities, skills & vitality.

Our Vision is to build a sustainable institution in Newhallville called Inspired Communities Inc. Using partnerships, places and spaces throughout Greater Newhallville as a way to enrich lives, ICI will help to build vitality, create districts of culture and innovation.

**Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting .**

Kids Neighborhood Culture, History & Innovation Museum 2.0  
Work 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 Kids 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.

Assist with of summer showcase of project

Work to strengthen and support social media / information partnerships within neighborhood & community.

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

In the summer of 2023 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.

In 2024 The Yale Fellow will work with students to help formulate plans for using our historical street history to take back the streets of Newhallville by offering street grants for beautification. Funds are provided for the sales of our Neighborhood Street Soap, partnerships, grants and other sources.

We would like to show the neighborhood how our kids respect and honor the places and spaces that they live in by helping with bringing neighborhood vitality and splendor to the most underserved community in New Haven.

We would like to create a model that would inspire all neighborhoods to use.

The Fellow will also help with camp-like activities such as;

Field Trips

Reading & Math Skills

Enrichment Experiences

Surveys

Marketing

Since the inception of Inspired Communities Inc. (ICI), it has always looked at ways that would add value and bring a sense of pride to the Newhallville community, while developing its next generation of leaders through enrichment experiences.

The summer will culminate with an end of the summer celebration and a 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 any specific skills/experience required for the project**

- Cultural curiosity and humility
- Inspiring
- Marketing / Social Media know how (we can teach some of it)
- 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 & Social Media Skills would be a nice addition
- A willingness to work with us to make what seems impossible, possible for all of the world to see and be Inspired!

## **Additional requirements**

A car is not required. We are near all bus lines.

## **Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows and/or Yale students have done with your organization.**

About our Yale student, Riley Harrison:

Riley has a strong love for kids and the New Haven Community. The work she started with us has laid the foundation for the Kids Museum.

Since graduating out of our program, she has come back to visit and volunteer.

We always look forward to having her at the school.

Check out her work with the students (You Tube: Newhallville TV) This is an ongoing project.

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.