

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2024

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Yale Urban Design Workshop, Yale School of Architecture
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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?

- Send an e-mail to set up a 15-meeting phone call to discuss

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

May 28 - Aug 9, 2024

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

yes

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

M-F, 9:00 to 5:00 with lunch break

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

One remote day may be arranged with permission of supervisor

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

The Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW) is a community design center affiliated with the Yale School of Architecture. Since its founding in 1992, the YUDW has worked with communities across the state of Connecticut and around the world, providing planning and design assistance on projects ranging from comprehensive plans, economic development strategies and community visions to the design of public spaces, streetscapes, and individual community facilities. YUDW has collaborated with New Haven's Dwight neighborhood since 1995, when it worked with the Dwight Central Management Team and Greater Dwight Development Corporation to develop the neighborhood's first grass-roots based neighborhood plan. Since then, YUDW has worked with the neighborhood to successfully carry out many of the goals of the plan, with a huge impact on the quality of life of residents there. The ongoing Dwight relationship has been a keystone of the YUDW's work in New Haven.

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

The YUDW has recently reaffirmed its commitment to work with our home community of New Haven, and has several ongoing initiatives around affordable housing, community health and wellness, and social and environmental equity. Among those is preparation of a new plan for the Dwight neighborhood. The fellow will work with faculty directors of the YUDW to begin that planning work, and may have the opportunity to work on other Dwight and New Haven projects.

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

Building on nearly 30 years of collaboration, the Yale Urban Design Workshop is preparing to work with the Dwight Central Management Team (DCMT) and the Greater Dwight Development Corporation (GDDC) to prepare a new, comprehensive revision to the Dwight neighborhood plan. Originally developed in 1995, published in 1996, and revised on its ten-year anniversary in 2007, the plan has guided the neighborhood's efforts to improve the quality of life of its residents. The YUDW has supported those efforts through the design of a number of community facilities, including an addition to the Dwight School, the Montessori on Edgewood, several housing rehabs, and the Dwight Place shopping center, including first new urban grocery store in Connecticut built in many decades. In the Dwight neighborhood, YUDW is currently working with Dwight on the mixed-use redevelopment of a historic house into 3 units of housing and two preschool classrooms, a study of heat vulnerability funded by the Yale Planetary Solutions Project, and a study of air quality funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Work of the 2024 PPSF Fellow will include architectural and urban design, research, mapping, community engagement, planning, and documentation leading up to the public launch of the new neighborhood planning project at a gala event on the 30th anniversary of the GDDC's founding, in October 2024. The fellow will work closely with the community organizer of the GDDC, recently funded under a New Haven NEOC grant, along with YUDW faculty directors to identify new neighborhood priorities, develop strategies for community engagement, prepare graphic materials and documents, and to develop designs and visualizations. The fellow may also interact and support the work of a Yale team who is preparing a documentary film on the history of neighborhood planning and action in Dwight, which will be screened at the October gala event.

The fellow may also be involved in other New Haven projects of the Yale Urban Design Workshop, as time allows. This includes planning work on public housing for the New Haven Housing Authority at Union Square, 8 units of affordable housing being designed with Neighborhood Housing Services, and other research and design projects.

The fellow will be supervised by a registered architect and may receive NCARB AXP credit for the fellowship.

List any specific skills/experience required for the project

The fellow will receive practical and technical training and professional mentorship in the field of community design, including urban and landscape design, urban representation, techniques of community engagement and advocacy, and urban research methods, with particular emphasis on advanced principles and techniques of neighborhood planning.

- Study in an appropriate field, such as architecture or urban studies
- Experience with the development of graphic materials including diagrams, plans, 3d visualizations, and drawings.
- Architectural and / or Urban Design experience preferred
- Interest in community engagement and public education
- Strong research, organizational, and interpersonal skills
- Strong written and communication skills in English
- Fluency in Spanish preferred
- Collaborative and team-oriented personality, while also independent and self-motivating
- Experience working with a range of software tools, including AutoCAD, Rhino, MS Office, and Adobe CC.
- Strong project management skills with attention to detail
- Professional experience in a related field preferred
- Experience working with underserved urban and minority communities preferred
- Experience developing maps and data visualization using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) preferred
- Urban research experience preferred

Additional requirements

Occasional evening and weekend hours may be required to attend community meetings, presentations, and events. Comp time is available to offset off-hours work.

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

The Yale Urban Design Workshop has a long history of engaging students in all its community-based work—including graduate architecture students, and both graduate and undergraduate students from other departments. Students are paid as Design Assistants both during the semester and summer. The Workshop is a collaborative environment, and the PPSF Fellow will join a lively environment this summer that will include several students and fellows working on various architectural and planning projects and initiatives.

The YUDW has hosted a number of PPSF Fellows to work with the Dwight neighborhood on planning and advocacy issues, most recently to assist with the 2007 revision to the grass-roots based Dwight neighborhood plan.