

Yale University

President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2025

Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Haven's Harvest
<i>Provide the primary physical address where the Fellow will be working during their placement</i>	266 Morse St, Hamden
<i>Organization's mailing address (if different)</i>	PO Box 133, New Haven CT 06513
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	www.havensharvest.org

PPSF Fellow's Direct Supervisor

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<i>Title</i>	Operations Manager
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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 with questions **OR**
- Send an e-mail to set up a 15-minute phone call to discuss

Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 27, 2025 through Friday, August 8, 2025)

We have a warehouse that needs staffing, and we will have public-facing events in the summer. These dates are unknown- but will likely include some weekend time.

During those weeks, the fellow will have more time off during the week.

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

Those dates are flexible. We will likely know the event dates in winter. Having the fellows present for some events is helpful to our organization, and helpful for the Fellow to have a full experience with us.

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

M-F 9-4:30- except there are events on weekends.

The first Saturday of every month, we table at Cityseed Market. We arrive at 8:30am. The market ends at 1PM. We can be flexible, with advance notice.

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

N/A

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

Haven's Harvest's mission is to build community and reduce food waste, one food rescue at a time. We are dedicated to reducing food waste and addressing food insecurity in our community. Our work is to connect surplus food from local businesses and farms with nonprofit and mutual aid partners in the area. We serve a diverse population, including families facing economic hardships, individuals experiencing homelessness, and community members in need of support. Through our innovative food recovery programs, we strive to create a sustainable model that not only nourishes those in need but also fosters a culture of kindness and collaboration. By working with partners and volunteers, we aim to build a stronger, more resilient community where no one goes hungry.

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

- Assisting partners by addressing their questions & providing guidance.
 - Working in our warehouse to help move & share donations.
 - Collecting data by tracking food recovery runs to ensure accurate reporting in our platform.
 - Supporting other programs as needed, which may include assisting in our bakery warehouse, event tabling, & casual catering.
 - Engaging with our social media channels to enhance our online presence.
- Your contributions will be essential in helping us achieve our mission.

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

Haven's Harvest is an environmental nonprofit dedicated to food recovery, aiming for a zero food waste community. We prioritize sharing food with Environmental Justice communities, ensuring that everyone—our neighbors and ourselves—has access to nutritious meals. Our operational goal is to divert surplus food from the waste stream into the hands of those in need, destigmatizing leftover food along the way. Staff members participate by enjoying recovered food, reinforcing our belief that this abundance belongs to all of us.

With the help of dedicated volunteers and innovative technology, we manage food rescue runs through an easily accessible app. Our work involves troubleshooting, dispatching, and educating the community about food waste and its impact on climate change. Since moving into our new warehouse in July 2024, we are exploring new opportunities to engage the public and raise awareness about food waste. Our dynamic environment offers plenty of room for fellows to contribute their skills and help shape our mission.

List any specific skills/experience required for the project

For this summer internship, we believe that the following skills are essential: effective communication, punctuality, familiarity with online platforms, enthusiasm, and kindness.

As Maya Angelou wisely said, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” We strive to create an environment where everyone feels valued and respected, fostering positive interactions and collaboration.

Additional requirements (e.g. a car, weekend working hours, a background check). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement. If a background check is required, share how far in advance this must start before arriving to work at your site. Please note that your organization is responsible for any costs associated with the background check process.

Car is not required. Weekend hours will be necessary-occasionally.

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

We have enjoyed two successful summers with our summer fellows, whose enthusiasm for the work and eagerness to explore New Haven have brought immense value to our organization. Their technological and social media skills were put to great use, enhancing our outreach and engagement efforts. We deeply appreciate their contributions and the fresh perspectives they bring to our team. Each fellow has left a positive impact, and we look forward to continuing this enriching partnership in the future.