

YALE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

2021 Proposal for Fellow working remotely

- *Organization:* The Arts Council of Greater New Haven
- *Full street address of organization:* 70 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510
- *Website:* newhavenarts.org
- *Direct supervisor:* Daniel Fitzmaurice, Exec Dir, 2037102966, daniel@newhavenarts.org
- *Placement dates:* Flexible, any 8-11 week time frame would work for us
- *Proposed work schedule:* Monday – Friday, 9-5 (30 minute lunch break daily)

- *Organization description:* The Arts Council strives to advance our region by providing leadership and support to our diverse arts community. We envision a thriving arts community at the heart of our community and believe that art, culture, and creativity are fundamental human rights. Our programs and service have shifted over the last six months to provide critical support for artists and cultural organizations to weather the pandemic and strive for anti-racism and cultural equity.

- *Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:* As an Arts Administration Fellow, you will support a variety of our programs with strategic guidance and back office support. This is an opportunity to explore the diversity of our creative ecosystem, from independent creatives to cultural organizations, activists to municipal leaders.

- *Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose:* attached

- *List specific skills/experience required for this work:* administrative expertise, analytical thinking, willingness to engage with members of the community, learning mindset

- *Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work:* business email, virtual phone number, daily check-ins with supervisor, flexible work schedule
- *Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present:* Past Fellows have made significant contributions to our grantmaking programs, marketing strategy for Make Music Day, and organizing new tactics for Create the Vote.

Arts Administration Fellowship

The Arts Council of Greater New Haven has provided steadfast leadership and advocacy for artists, arts organizations and audiences since 2064 for the Greater New Haven region including the towns of Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, Branford, Bethany, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Wallingford, and West Haven. The Arts Council is a regional non-profit membership organization dedicated to enhancing, developing and promoting opportunities for artists, arts organizations and audiences throughout the area. The Council strives to build a vibrant artistic and cultural community that is representative of all arts disciplines, fiscally strong, supportive of individual artists and organizations, rich in ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, and accessible to all audiences.

Today, the Arts Council strives to advance Greater New Haven by providing leadership and support to our diverse arts community. We envision a thriving arts community at the heart of Greater New Haven and believe that art, culture, and creativity are fundamental human rights.



Our Yale University President’s Public Service Fellow would serve as an Arts Administrator to support a variety of our programs and services. The Arts Council is on the front lines helping our arts community weather this pandemic and fight for social justice, so the Fellow will be an integral part of these emergent opportunities.



In addition to general member services, special projects, and other behind-the-scenes responsibilities for our creative community, the Fellow would be involved in the following:

Create the Vote

Elections are a great time to talk about the strengths and challenges our state faces and the vision for our community. Seeing the need to make arts and creativity part of the discussion, Connecticut Arts Alliance (CAA) launched Create the Vote CT in 2018 during the gubernatorial election. The Arts Council of Greater New Haven is proud to co-chair and co-sponsor this nonpartisan initiative. In 2021, this campaign will involve the local mayoral race in New Haven and other municipal elections in our region.



Make Music Day

Part of the international Make Music movement in more than 800 communities around the world, this event is an all-ages, all-inclusive celebration of music throughout Greater New Haven. Sidewalks, parks, front porches, and public spaces throughout the city will become stages for local musicians to perform and for all to enjoy. A hybrid version of this event was successful and we anticipate a similar setup in 2021.



Youth Arts Journalism Initiative (YAJI)

YAJI is a free pre-professional youth development program for New Haven high school students, providing them widely transferrable, highly-marketable new media, critical thinking, and creative copywriting proficiencies as well as a portfolio of four rigorously edited, published pieces. YAJI supports and engages student development, helping to cultivate our region's next generation of arts and culture leaders. Currently, this program is virtual, but this could change in the coming months.

