

## Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship Summer 2021

### Proposal for Fellow working remotely for organization

- Organization: Y2Y New Haven, a program of Y2Y Network
- Full street address of organization: Y2Y New Haven, 396 Orange Street, New Haven CT 06511
- Website: [y2ynetwork.org](http://y2ynetwork.org)
- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow's direct supervisor: Gio Roper, Y2Y New Haven Program Coordinator
- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor: Email: [gio@y2ynetwork.org](mailto:gio@y2ynetwork.org)  
Phone: 203-684-2902
- Placement dates: June 1<sup>st</sup>-August 13<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Are placement dates flexible? Are you able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone?: Yes. Our placement dates are flexible, and we are able to accommodate a Fellow working in a different time zone.
- Proposed 37.5 hour per week work schedule: Monday-Friday 9am -5pm ET, with a 1 hour lunch break
- Organization description:

Y2Y New Haven is a joint initiative of students across New Haven, Youth Continuum, and Y2Y Network to open a student-run overnight program for young adults (ages 18-24) experiencing homelessness in Greater New Haven. Y2Y New Haven is based on the youth-to-youth model employed by Y2Y Harvard Square, which opened in Cambridge, MA in 2015. Y2Y's model focuses on getting young people off the streets and into a safe environment with accessible legal aid, case management services, and medical care. This model helps young adults build sustainable pathways out of homelessness and empowers them to advocate for change. In 2019, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness identified 535 young adults ages 18-24 experiencing homelessness in Greater New Haven. Currently, only 12 youth-specific shelter beds exist in the area. Y2Y New Haven seeks to address this critical need for safe, trauma-informed spaces and effectively intervene in the cycle of chronic homelessness.

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

Fellows will be responsible for assisting the Y2Y New Haven team with preparing for the opening of our program in the fall by supporting in areas such as our program model development, fundraising initiatives, and renovation projects.

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

The Fellow will be joining the Y2Y New Haven project at a critical and exciting moment. During the summer, we plan on preparing for the opening of Y2Y New Haven, which is currently set for the fall of 2021, by finalizing the program model, service partnerships, and the staffing model of the program. In the summer of 2021, will be going through the renovation process for our site and building on the groundwork that this project has established over the past four years to open and operate the overnight program.

The Fellow's responsibilities may be altered depending on the trajectory of the pandemic. The Fellow's anticipated responsibilities include:

- Finalize service partnerships for the program, including case management services, legal aid, medical care, and mental health services
  - Continue to build close partnerships with other schools in New Haven, including Gateway Community College, Southern Connecticut State University, Albertus Magnus, and the University of New Haven
  - Support the raising of capital and operating funding for the overnight program
  - Aid in coordinating the program's site renovation
  - Ensure recruiting campaigns and training schedules for the program's staff and volunteers are developed
  - Ensure transportation and logistics systems to bring volunteers to the program location and manage in-kind donations (food, supplies, clothing) are developed
  - Maintain existing partnerships with key community stakeholders and cultivate new partnerships
  - Strengthen organizational relationships with Youth Continuum, Dwight Hall at Yale, Y2Y Network, and the Yale College Dean's Office
  - Support engagement with young adults with lived experience of homelessness and ensure that their voices continue to play a vital role in shaping the program's development
  - Ensure a smooth transition for the fall semester
  - Assist with the coordination of the program's opening celebration
  - Support ad-hoc projects as they arise
- List specific skills/experience required for this work:

#### Required Qualifications

- Dedicated interest in Y2Y New Haven's mission to build a safe, trauma-informed and thoughtful space for young adults experiencing homelessness
  - Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
  - Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
  - Excellent written and verbal communication skills
  - Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively and professionally
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- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and Google Suite

#### Desired/Preferred Qualifications

- Prior experience in working with homelessness, at-risk young people, LGBTQ+ population, or other related populations
- A demonstrated commitment to public service and social justice
- Equipment/resources you will provide to help Fellow conduct work:

We will provide our Fellow with a Y2Y email account, along with a phone number. Our entire team has transitioned to remote work, and we will incorporate the Fellow in all of our virtual processes. The Fellow will have frequent check-ins with their supervisor throughout the week to ensure that they are fully supported with their work. We will also assist the Fellow in developing and maintaining a structured work plan for the summer.

- Briefly describe the 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.

During the summer of 2019, Y2Y New Haven was so grateful to have the opportunity to work with a Yale PPSF Fellow, Nicky Brussel Faria. Nicky worked on many exciting projects including providing administrative support, establishing and strengthening partnerships, engaging with young adults with lived experiences with homelessness, fostering community support for the program, and assisting with the process for getting zoning approval for the renovation of the program's site.

During the summer of 2020, we worked with Rachel Handler, our most recent Yale PPSF Fellow. Rachel conducted her work remotely with our team, who was also working remotely. Rachel assisted our team with exciting projects including the coordination of our site's renovation process, expanding our external communication strategies and initiatives, coordinating our Community Advisory Board meeting, supporting fundraising efforts, and strengthening key partnerships.

Nicky and Rachel were absolutely amazing, and we would be so lucky to have another Fellow this summer!

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