Proposal for In-Person Fellowship Placement • Summer 2022

If conditions allow, PPSF will offer in-person fellowships in the summer of 2022. In the event that in-person summer placements are not approved by Yale University, prospective sites will be notified and asked to modify proposals to reflect remote work.

• Organization:
  City of New Haven

• Organization’s street address:
  200 Orange Street, New Haven, CT

• Website:
  www.NewHavenCt.gov

• Name and title of person who will be the Fellow’s direct supervisor:
  Katherine Jacobs, Chief Landscape Architect

• Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor:
  472-227-1521
  kjacobs@newhavenct.gov

• Placement dates:
  11 weeks beginning Tuesday, May 31

• Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe:
  Yes, we can modify start and end dates to accommodate fellow's schedule

• Proposed work schedule:
  Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (with 1 hour lunch break)

Placement Description

• Organization description:
  The City of New Haven provides services to a population of 134,023 people, with 72% of that population being people of color, and with 53% of the City's households being cost-burdened. The City enjoys a wealth of natural and cultural resources, yet it continues to struggle with the legacy of redlining, white flight, and disinvestment that is undeniably still visible in its public realm. City staff is working hand-in-hand with community advocates to improve the quality of life for everyone in New Haven, with particular attention to areas most impacted by the racist actions of former civic leaders.
• **Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the proposed work for a summer 2022 Fellow:**
  One Public Art Fellow will develop an implementation plan for deploying artistic installations in neighborhood traditionally overlooked for public art initiatives.

• **Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.**
  Public art can express the character and identity of a community, enhancing a sense of community cohesion and vitality. Although New Haven is home to multiple vibrant communities spread across many neighborhoods, past investments in public art were concentrated in a limited area, expressing and enhancing a narrow range of New Haven’s community life.

  To address this issue, New Haven's Cultural Equity Plan proposes small-scale artistic interventions on existing amenities such as utility cabinets or benches in the parks of underserved neighborhoods. The Public Art Fellow will transform this vision into reality by developing a detailed implementation plan, including the following components:
  • Identify the exact locations to be used as canvases for public art
  • Develop a process through which local artists (or artwork) will be selected
  • Create a detailed project budget
  • Solicit input from Community Management Teams in each neighborhood impacted by the plan
  • Present a final implementation plan to the Board of Park Commissioners

• **List specific skills/experience required for the project:**
  • Familiarity with local artists.
  • Ability to self-motivate and stay on task.
  • Openness to feedback from City staff, members of the community, and Park Commissioners.
  • Facility with internet research, Microsoft Word, and PowerPoint.

• **Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement):**
  No car or weekend hours will be required.

• **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 summers of 2018 and 2019, the Engineering Department hosted PPSF fellows that worked on the implementation of the City’s Climate and Sustainability Framework. The Fellows assisted us in achieving certification through the Sustainable CT platform, a voluntary certification program for CT municipalities. The City of New Haven was awarded Silver certification (the highest possible) in December 2019, achieving the most points of
any certified community in the state. Building on that success, the Engineering Department worked with a PPSF fellow in 2021 to inventory the City’s greenhouse gas emissions, a critical step toward prioritizing our emissions reduction plans. We were very pleased with the initiative and enthusiasm displayed by our Fellows and look forward to working with another Fellow this summer!