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: Gather New Haven
- Organization’s street address: 470 James Street, Suite 007, New Haven, CT 06513
- Website: www.gathernewhaven.org
- Name and title of person who will be the Fellow’s direct supervisor (the supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis): Brent Peterkin, Executive Director or incoming nonprofit development professional (TBD).
- Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor (please note: during the application process, we encourage prospective Fellows to contact organizations directly with any questions about organization placements or projects): (203) 680-8060/brent@gathernewhaven.org
- Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 31 and Friday, August 12, 2022): 5/31/2022 - 8/12/2022
- Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: Our organization will put forth its best efforts to accommodate extenuating circumstances that may require a change in the placement dates. The latest we would like to have a Fellow onboard is June 06, 2022, and the earliest departure date is August 05, 2022.
- Proposed work schedule (placements should be equivalent to full-time and not more than 37.5 hours/week): 7.5 hrs per day for five days working from Monday through Friday, and on occasion, a weekday may be switched for a weekend day. If relevant community engagement events are scheduled, the Fellow will be provided with sufficient notice regarding adjustments to the work schedule.

Placement Description

- Organization description (mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.): Gather New Haven focuses on cultivating strong and varied experiences that connect communities to nature. Our mission drives us to be good stewards of the natural environment and strengthen community well-being. In practice, our work involves managing and supporting green spaces, including community gardens, urban micro-farms, and nature preserves, while also leading impactful programs that focus on health and wellness, positive youth development, and environmental education. Our work helps to build healthy foundations that improve quality of life and produce experiences that will inspire future generations of environmentalists throughout New Haven. Our programs are inclusive of all...
who call New Haven home; however, we focus our efforts on producing the most impact in low income communities.

- Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the proposed work for a summer 2022 Fellow: The Fellow will assist and help implement a range of community enrichment, stewardship and fundraising initiatives and events in support of Gather New Haven’s development goals. This work will involve CRM management, community outreach, event planning, communications, research and data collection, and on occasion public speaking.

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. (Suggested length: one to two pages.)

  Gather New Haven will focus intently on increasing its community engagement activities, focusing on enhancing its relationships with volunteers, donors, and stakeholders who receive value through the organization’s managed properties and programs. The Fellow will conduct primary data through surveys and community conversations to inform outreach and communications efforts. The PPSF Fellow will have an opportunity to work closely with the Executive Director and Board of Directors. Throughout their journey, the Fellow will focus on developing and implementing development strategies, supporting the planning and coordination of community engagement initiatives that center on stewarding volunteers and donors. Additionally, the Fellow will increase awareness and engagement of BIPOC communities in the experiences created by Gather New Haven through its properties and programs. The key aim is to increase the delivery of value throughout under-resourced communities by addressing public health issues via outreach and workshops based on our Farm-based Wellness Program, increasing exposure to outdoor activities, and environmental education at our farms and preserves. The Fellow will utilize the Salesforce CRM software platform to document information related to the stakeholders mentioned above groups. The Fellow will be responsible for maintaining the CRM database, researching grant opportunities, collaborating on communications and event planning, and participating in outreach activities. This experience provides an opportunity for the Fellow to have an immersive experience in New Haven’s communities, learn the fundamentals of nonprofit development and communications, learn grant writing, practice research skills, develop an understanding of the challenges that BIPOC communities face, and develop leadership skills in a team-oriented environment.

- List specific skills/experience required for the project:

  Experience with CRM software platforms.
  Excellent writing skills.
  Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to demonstrate cultural sensitivity.
  Willingness to engage a wide range of local stakeholders.
  Experience with survey design and basic data analysis.
  Experience with MS Office applications.
  Willingness to learn by doing and operating confidently in a fast paced environment.

- Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement):
Travel mileage outside of daily commutes to the office will be reimbursed if incurred.
Free parking is available onsite.
Some weekends 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.

Yale PPSF Fellows were previously involved with data management and grant writing. Other Yale and non-Yale students have worked on developing community assets maps, community garden and urban farm operations management, public health research, community engagement planning, health and nutrition education, leading nature walks, developing social media strategies, and coordinating volunteers and volunteering events. Gather New Haven has worked with students from the Yale Divinity School, Yale School of Management, Yale School of Public Health, Dwight Hall, and the Yale School of the Environment.