

## Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

### Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017

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- Organization: Calvin Hill Day Care Center, Inc.
- Full street address of organization: 150 Highland Street, New Haven, CT 06511
- Website: [www.calvinhilldaycare.org](http://www.calvinhilldaycare.org)
- Name and title of the Direct Supervisor (*please note: the Direct Supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis*): Susan Taddei, Director
- Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor: 203.764.9350, [susan@calvinhilldaycare.org](mailto:susan@calvinhilldaycare.org)
- Placement dates (*8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30 and Friday, August 11, 2017*): Tuesday, May 30-Friday, July 28, 2017
- Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: We will work around the other meeting requirements of the fellowship. Please let us know those dates and times in advance.
- Hours of the program (*placements should be equivalent to full-time*): We are open 8-5. The fellows work a 7.5 hour shift during that time period. We have three shifts – early (8-3:30), mid-day (9-4:30), and closing (10-5:30).



## Placement Description

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- Organization description (*Mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.*): The mission of Calvin Hill Day Care Center and its Kitty Lustman-Findling Kindergarten is to provide high-quality, affordable (tuition is based on a sliding scale) nurturing care and education to children between the ages of 2.9 - 6 years old from Yale and the broader New Haven community. The Center's aim is to serve as a support for families, working in partnership with parents to help meet the emotional, social, physical, language, literacy and intellectual needs of their children. The Center values the diversity of its families and staff and provides opportunities for growth and development in a stimulating learning community for children and adults.
- Please write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting: The Fellow will work directly with children at Calvin Hill Day Care Center and the Kitty Lustman-Findling Kindergarten and will support overall program quality, integrated and intellectual play-based emergent curriculum, and will create opportunities for children to have more individualized and ongoing interactions with additional caring adults.



- Please write a complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. (*Suggested length: one to two pages.*) Initially, the Fellow will observe the classrooms to get to know the children and the teaching style of our staff. The Fellow always works under the supervision of our teachers and is never fully responsible for supervision of children or planning curriculum.
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Depending on skill level and interest, the fellow will take on many helpful roles in the classroom over the weeks of the placement– working with children in small groups, reading to children, observing their play, sitting with children at naptime, helping with the maintenance of the classrooms (setting up outdoor equipment, helping with clean up time, etc.).

Our Summer Program (June 12-July 28) is a seven-week extension of our current program. The Presidential Fellow will work hands-on in our three programs providing high-quality care and education to children between the ages of 2.9 - 6 years old. The Fellow will work full-time in our classrooms from May 30-July 28 (including the entire 7 week Summer Program). Full-time is 7.5 hours a day, either an early, mid-day, or closing shift.

Several Fellows have also been particularly interested in the theory and practice of early childhood education. To that end, we have made available a highly experienced mentor teacher who has provided relevant readings and has met with the Fellow weekly to discuss these readings and other aspects of the learning experience the Fellow is engaged in with the children and staff

- Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*):
    - experience working with young children is essential such as camp counseling, babysitting, or tutoring.
    - ability to enjoy the company of young children
    - ability to work on a team
    - interest in child development and early education
    - good interpersonal skills
    - flexibility
    - open to new experiences
    - able to relate to people from different backgrounds
  
  - Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, please include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement): A car is helpful but Calvin Hill is close to a bus line and can also be reached by Yale transit.
  
  - Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your agency in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, please describe any work that Yale students have done with your agency. We have been privileged to have several Yale Presidential Fellows in past years, most recently in 2015. Our Fellows have observed and assisted in all three of our classrooms and were full-time staff
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members of our Summer Program. They worked directly with the children and teachers and took on more classroom responsibilities as their placements went on. Fellows leave our program with heightened observation skills, a better understanding of the day-to-day preschool experience for children, families, and teachers, and an appreciation for the complexity of running a high quality, educationally sound childcare program. Two Fellows have gone on to be our Yale undergraduate representative on our Board of Directors (2011-2012 and 2015-17).

In addition, each year Calvin Hill provides observation experiences for more than 30 Yale undergraduate students participating in three courses (Theory and Practice of Early Childhood Education, Child Development, and Language, Literacy, and Play) taught by our Director Emerita, who is faculty at the Yale Child Study Center. We also employ many dedicated Yale undergraduate and graduate work-study students.

