

## ***Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship***

### **Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017**

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- Organization: Canal Dock Boathouse, Inc. (CDBi)

- Full street address of organization:

475 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, is the location of CDBi's boathouse currently under construction, to be complete in late 2017. Current operations, and for the fellowship, take place at: Quinnipiac River Marina, 309 Front Street, New Haven, 06513

- Website:        [www.canaldock.org](http://www.canaldock.org)        [www.facebook.com/CanalDock](http://www.facebook.com/CanalDock)

- Name and title of the Direct Supervisor: John Pescatore, President

- Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor:

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- Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30 and Friday, August 11, 2017):

May 30 - August 11, with a possible 1-week hiatus between June 24 & July 5.

- Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe:

CDBi is planning for adult and youth rowing programs & camps all summer, but the week-to-week activity level will depend on camp bookings taking place from January through May of 2017.

- Hours of the program:

Hours for adult rowing club & after school youth operations from May 30 to approximately June 16th will be divided into three sessions, mornings (6:30 to 10:30 AM), late afternoons (3:30 to 5:30), and evenings (5:30 to 7:30). Hours for

rowing camp operations, beginning on approximately June 19, and continuing through early August, based on sign-ups, will be approximately 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM with a lunch break. During any week CDBi doesn't book a youth camp the fellow will continue working with regular adult & after school youth participants.

## **Placement Description**

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- Organization description:

*"Opening New Haven's Waterfront for Adventure, Discovery & Growth"*

Affordable access to multiple non-motorized boating opportunities, together with environmental education programs are CDBi's long term goals for Canal Dock Boathouse, our new facility being contrasted on Long Wharf Drive. CDBi has been operating after school youth indoor rowing since the fall of 2014, and on-water rowing since fall of 2015, with more than fifty (50) public high school students having participated in indoor programs, and nine (9) having learned on-water rowing. Adult on-water rowing began fall of 2015, and indoor classes began January of 2016. Approximately thirty (30) adults have been on the water and twenty (20) have attended the indoor rowing pilot program. When our new boathouse opens late 2017 we plan expanding to other non-motorized boating programs, like sailing & kayaking, but until then our operational capacity is limited to rowing programs & events.

- Please write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting:

CDBi's fellow must be experienced in sculling and training for rowing. Daily activity will be teaching and coaching sculling (from a single) and fitness training for youth and adults. Related projects like equipment upkeep and event production as with our Dragon Boat Regatta (June 4, 2017) will take place as needed.

- Please write a complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow:

CDBi's project for it's summer fellow has three components: one is coaching and supervising youth sculling and youth sculling camps, the second is coaching and supervising adult sculling & fitness programs (and possibly corporate sculling camps), and the third is assisting with CDBi's Dragon Boat Regatta and other tasks related to running a rowing club.

Daily schedules will change based on advanced bookings in the coming months and weekly sign-ups during the summer, but the supervision and coaching of morning, afternoon and evening sculling outings, several days per week, and daily outings when youth and corporate camps are booked, are the bulk of the work.

On-water safety is the most important element of this project, so a fellow/coach must be a strong, experienced swimmer, a thoroughly experienced sculler, and have experience with on-water boating programs in general. A safe-boating license is not required, but a fellow must be capable of assessing the skill level, competence and composure of youth & adult participants and making sound and quick decisions regarding water safety. A fellow must also be capable of coaching, teaching, and/or supervising anyone, from those with zero experience in any boating, to an unfocused 7<sup>th</sup> grader, to disciplined and experienced adults.

Because current programs are not geared towards on-water competition or regattas, but are more focused on the joys of recreational boating, CDBi's fellow will be expected to both appreciate and communicate the pleasures that come with a disciplined approach to single-sculling, exploring the river, sharing the river with other boaters, gaining a degree of fitness, and showing great care for our equipment.

- Specific skills/experience required for the project:
  1. Minimum three (3) years rowing and/or boating experience.
  2. Minimum one (1) year sculling experience in a single.
  3. Experience working with youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up.
  4. Must pass NCSI (National Center for Safety Initiatives) background check.
- Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, please include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement):

Most work will take place in New Haven at the Quinnipiac River Marina, approximately 2 miles from the center of Yale's campus. Cycling to this location is not difficult, but a car could be handy and parking is available and free. Weekend hours in the morning only will be somewhat regular for adult programs. CDBi's Dragon Boat Regatta, with activities covering five (5) days from May 30 through June 4, takes place at Long Wharf Pier, also easily biked to from Yale's campus.

- 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.

This is CDBi's first application with the Yale PPSF Fellows Program. However, Yale Law School students from Community & Economic Development clinic, under the supervision of Anika Singh Lemar, have been working for CDBi for approximately four (4) years, doing everything from drafting our 501(c)(3) application to managing high-level negotiations with potential partners, like the University of New Haven. In addition, twice in the past Yale SOM students, as part of Outreach Non-Profit Consulting, have performed semester-long operational studies on behalf of CDBi.

Below are links to CDBi programming photos and videos from dragon-boating, to indoor rowing & fitness to on-water rowing with youth and adults:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CanalDock/photos/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CanalDock/videos/>