

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017

1. Organization: **DataHaven**
 2. Full street address of organization: **129 Church St., Suite 605, New Haven, CT 06510**
 3. Website: **<http://www.ctdatahaven.org>**
 4. Name and title of the Direct Supervisor: **Mark Abraham, Executive Director**
 5. Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor: **203.500.7059, info@ctdatahaven.org**
 6. Placement dates (*8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30 and Friday, August 11, 2017*): **May 30–August 11**
 7. Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: **Yes, any 8–11 weeks between May 30 and Aug 11 is acceptable**
 8. Hours of the program: **9am–5pm Mon–Fri, half hour lunch**
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Placement Description

Organization description:

DataHaven collects and interprets public population, economic, and health data about New Haven and the broader region. It makes data accessible and understandable through analysis, and then shares it so that local stakeholders can apply it to create informed solutions to problems in their communities. Municipal governments, state agencies, community foundations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, students, and citizens use DataHaven's services. DataHaven is a formal partner of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP), a collaborative national effort by the Urban Institute of Washington, DC, to further the development and use of neighborhood information systems in local policymaking and community building.

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

The Fellow will support the work of DataHaven to plan the 2018 Community Wellbeing Survey, a statewide survey on social, economic, and well-being indicators. The Fellow will also be tasked with analyzing data; writing news articles, blog posts, or other online resources to communicate data findings to general audiences; collaborating with other organizations; and proofreading/copyediting of research documents, and has the opportunity to be listed as an author on publications.

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

The President's Public Service Fellow at DataHaven will be tasked with assessing and communicating data on community health and wellbeing in Greater New Haven. Using two recent DataHaven products—the 2015 Community Wellbeing Survey and the 2016 Greater New Haven Community Index—as well as smaller DataHaven research projects, the Fellow will analyze education, economic, health, and civic data to identify significant trends occurring regionally.

DataHaven's nationally recognized Community Wellbeing Survey conducted interviews with nearly 17,000 randomly-selected Connecticut residents from every town, city, and

region, from May through October 2015. This survey creates local-level public information that is not available from any other source, allowing comparability of data gathered across diverse regions, neighborhoods, and small population groups. The data can support detailed analyses of quality of life in the New Haven region and comparisons to similar regions around the state, focusing on topics that are most meaningful to our communities—such as public health, family economic security, housing, and civic vitality. Community Wellbeing Survey data, along with other public data sources, informed DataHaven’s 2016 Greater New Haven Community Index publication, a comprehensive assessment of quality of life in the city of New Haven and surrounding region.

The Fellow placed at DataHaven will help in planning the next round of the survey, to be carried out in 2018.

Given the broad scopes of the Community Wellbeing Survey and the Community Index, the Fellow will have the latitude to focus on the wellbeing topics with the greatest relevance to their professional and academic goals. In accordance with DataHaven’s mission, the Fellow’s quality of life research will emphasize the various opportunities and challenges faced by the City of New Haven, its neighborhoods, and sub-populations within the region, including racial or ethnic minorities and immigrants.

As an ongoing process, the Fellow will work with DataHaven staff to disseminate their research to community partners and the public. The Fellow will produce written, web-based, and/or graphical analyses that can help the general public understand data about their communities. This might include but is not limited to producing online or print newspaper articles, web resources, infographics, reports, or brochures.

Articles written by recent Yale Fellows include:

1. *New Haven Independent* article by Aparna Nathan, Yale student fellow: “New Haveners Feeling Somewhat Safer”;
http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/data_city_residents_n/
 2. Research by Thomas Zembowicz, Dwight Hall Urban Fellow: “Connecticut data reveal racial disparities in policing”;
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<http://www.ctdatahaven.org/blog/connecticut-data-reveal-racial-disparities-policing>

3. *CT Mirror* article by Erica Pandey, Yale summer fellow: “How livable is Connecticut for the aging population?”; <http://trendct.org/2015/07/29/commentary-how-livable-is-connecticut-for-the-aging-population/>
4. *CT Mirror* article by Deanna Song, Dwight Hall Urban Fellow: “Connecting more people to work in Greater New Haven”; <http://ctmirror.org/2014/05/21/op-ed-connecting-more-people-to-work-in-greater-new-haven/>

Various Yale fellows, including one PPSF fellow, also have been recognized as contributors or co-authors in DataHaven’s major reports, including the Greater New Haven Community Index 2013 and Greater New Haven Community Index 2016.

Specific skills/experience required for the project:

Required: Strong research and writing skills; Experience working with, analyzing and/or formatting data sets in Excel; Interest in and understanding of diverse communities, urban populations, and related issues such as K-12 education, workforce development, poverty, housing, economic development, and public health.

Helpful, but not required: Journalism; experience with design programs (Adobe CS6, Photoshop, Tableau), statistical analysis software (such as R, SPSS), mapping (GIS, CartoDB), databases (such as Access), and/or web development.

Additional requirements: None

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.

DataHaven regularly works with undergraduate and graduate students from Yale and other nearby schools as interns, fellows, and work-study participants. We hosted a full-time President’s Public Service Fellow in 2013, who was listed as a co-author in the completion of our Community Index 2013. A Yale student interned for us full-time over summer 2015 and worked on data collection and analysis, writing, and communications;

the intern will be listed as a co-author on a report to be released in January 2016. We currently host a Dwight Hall Urban Fellow, who works with us for approximately 5-10 hours per week on article writing, data analysis, mapping; and a Yale student intern who assists us with website redesign and maintenance, and graphic design for approximately 5-10 hours per week.

Mark Abraham, Executive Director of DataHaven, has supervised nearly a dozen Community-Based Learning (CBL) students and Urban Fellows through Dwight Hall at Yale since joining the organization in 2009. DataHaven is also working directly with a large number of Yale University faculty, staff and students on their academic research projects. For example, we serve on the research advisory committees of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program (a program for resident physicians at the Yale School of Medicine), and the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement, where we regularly interact with Yale graduate students and faculty.
