

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017

- Organization:
New Haven Land Trust
 - Full street address of organization:
458 Grand Avenue, Suite 111, New Haven CT 06513
 - Website:
www.newhavenlandtrust.org
 - Name and title of the Direct Supervisor (*please note: the Direct Supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis*):
Bradley Fleming, Community Garden Manager
 - Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor:
203-314-0571; bradley.fleming@newhavenlandtrust.org
 - Placement dates (*8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30 and Friday, August 11, 2017*): Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe:
We are flexible on start date. We would prefer as many weeks as possible.
 - Hours of the program (*placements should be equivalent to full-time*):
Hours will generally be Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm however the fellow may be requested to work outside of those hours on volunteer events or to attend evening community meetings.
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Placement Description

- Organization description (*Mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.*):

The New Haven Land Trust engages people in stewardship and cultivation of the land for a healthier community and environment. We do this through land conservation by maintaining six nature preserves; we provide land, technical assistance and supplies for about 50 community vegetable gardens; and environmental education.

While our office is based in Fair Haven on Grand Avenue, our 46 gardens are scattered throughout the city, clustered in Newhallville, Dixwell, Fair Haven, West Rock, West River and The Hill. The community gardens provide an important source of fresh, healthy produce for these food insecure neighborhoods. Our Nature Preserves include Long Wharf, Pond Lilly, Quinnipiac Meadows, Quinnipiac Ridge, Hemingway Creek, and Morris Creek.

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

The summer fellow will work closely with the Community Garden Manager and/or Preserves Outreach and Education Coordinator to help organize the job program for high school students as well as events and workshops in the community gardens and nature preserves. Job description has some flexibility according to the Fellow's interests.

- 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.*)

Youth Program Organizer

- **Help supervise a crew of 5 students working in community gardens (building compost system, raised garden beds, fencing; growing fruit/vegetables to process into value-added products for sale)**
- **Frame work through lens of social entrepreneurship (writing business plans alongside students which account for social and environmental value)**
- **Load tools/pick up materials at Home Depot/garden supply store for the day's work**
- **Use evaluation tool to provide feedback on student's improvement**

Communication and outreach for summer events and workshop series

- **Create and disseminate print and digital media promoting events throughout the summer**
- **Work with Garden Manager to prepare and execute monthly workshops**
- **Encourage gardens to host weekly or monthly garden workdays, help garden coordinators to get the word out**

General support

- **Assist in day to day operations of running community gardens**
 - **Help with construction projects as needed, garden workdays and other administrative tasks**
- **Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*):**
 - **Strong organizational and interpersonal skills;**
 - **Strong verbal skills; Good writing skills;**
 - **Volunteer management skill;**
 - **Ability to work in a multicultural setting with a diversity of people;**
 - **Ability to motivate residents, youth and partners to become involved in community work;**
 - **Self- motivation, dependability, flexibility, creativity and problem solving skills;**
 - **Interest in working for community based organization and commitment to neighborhood revitalization, social/environmental efforts and community empowerment;**
 - **Bilingual (Spanish/English) is a plus;**
 - **Experience supervising teenagers a plus**
 - **Gardening experience a plus.**
 - **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 not required, though a bike and driver's license would be helpful. Daily work will be based at of our office on Grand Avenue with required site visits to gardens around the city, which are accessible by bike or with the Land Trust truck.

- **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.**
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In 2009, a Yale Public Service Fellow worked with the Land Trust to implement the first phase of reorganizing the garden program. Work included: developing garden districts, improving communication, documenting garden statuses, types and conditions, communicating with gardeners and making recommendations for program improvement.

In summer 2016, three Yale interns (not PPSF) interned with the Land Trust, developing the summer youth jobs program into a year-round program, building a hoop house, installing weigh stations at several community gardens to collect and analyze data, and hosting events and volunteer workdays at the Nature Preserves.