

Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship

Request for Placements • Summer 2017

- Organization: Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Southern CT, Inc.
 - Full street address of organization: 545 Whalley Avenue
 - Website: sdaaofsouthernct.org
 - Name and title of the Direct Supervisor (*please note: the Direct Supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis*): Delores Edwards
 - Phone number and e-mail address of Direct Supervisor: 203-385-2253, sdaasouthernct@sbcglobal.net
 - Placement dates (*8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30 and Friday, August 11, 2017*): May 30, 2017 and August 11, 2017 for students to start
 - Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: Monday – Friday 930 AM – 5 PM. Times can be adjusted on a weekly basis if a Fellow is needed to attend events and/or health fairs on weekends. We are open to an alternate start date, if needed.
 - Hours of the program (*placements should be equivalent to full-time*): For the total of 37.5 hours a week the time would need to be Monday – Friday 930 AM – 5 PM.
 - Name and title of the Direct Supervisor (*please note: the Direct Supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis*): Executive Director Delores Edwards
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Organization description (*Mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.*): The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Southern Connecticut Inc. (SCDAA) mission is to provide education, screening, counseling, advocacy and support services to persons affected with sickle cell disease and the trait. Our goal is to ensure a network of partners dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle for patients with sickle cell disease.

Please write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (*50 words or less. This will be used as your agency's project description summary on the PPSF website, so please be succinct*):

The Fellow would conduct outreach education, be a community advocate, help develop and refine social media-based information vehicle that is youth focused. Promote awareness and prevention of sickle cell disease by targeting increased numbers of youth and young adults of child bearing age.

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.*)

Sickle cell disease is a global health problem, having direct impact on our greater New Haven communities. In the United States it is estimated that over 100,000 people have sickle cell disease. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year in America. And while the average life expectancy in America has improved—it is now in the mid 40 years of age range, however, the challenge currently is increasing the life expectancy threshold through medical intervention. People of African descent are not the only group affected. It is also present in Hispanic, Portuguese, French Corsicans, Sardinians, Sicilians, mainland Italians, Greeks, Turks and Cypriots. Sickle cell disease also appears in Middle Eastern countries and Asia. Currently, there is no universal cure for sickle cell disease. In absence of a cure SCDS is working with the city of New Haven on a pilot program to establish the sickle cell status of couples who plan to marry. The Fellow would help with implementation and data collection. SCDAA is planning to offer tutoring services and in

2016 awarded its first annual scholarship to a New haven graduating senior with sickle cell disease. The fellow would help structure the tutoring program and screen prospective tutors. People with sickle cell disease can live a productive life, but, like all patients with chronic disease, sickle cell patients are best managed in a comprehensive multi-disciplinary program of care and a strong extended support system.

Fellow would assist a staff social worker, when at client Empowerment the Fellow would assist individuals with filling out a community questionnaire and subsequently set up a database based on responses.

Support of Public Education Fellow would help with education in the community once trained by the Executive Director. To help in the awareness of sickle cell disease, its cause, and the impact on our clients, families and the entire community.

The SCDA of Southern CT proposes to engage in a 5-year strategic plan that includes helping to ease hardships experienced by families with children afflicted with sickle cell disease. Providing help to ease the financial burden of the disease on families who have limited incomes and/or limited access to resources, and employ a service delivery metric verifying the number of families benefiting from these services during the five-year period

Continuation Plan -

J. SCDAAs, SC's request supports install and upgrade technology that focus on; both, funding generation, and on programs and services—creating donor value and recipient value. The framework was developed after a year of careful research and study of nonprofit models common to the largest nonprofits in the United States. And is fashioned from insight and examination of the potential and constraints associated with those models.

- Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*): writing skill, know word, excel, google doc.
 - 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 required for outreach events or bus, there will be some weekend work as far as community Health Education Outreach events.
 - 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. Volunteer with our annual Walkathon
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