Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2018

• Organization: DataHaven

• Full street address of organization: 129 Church St., Suite 605, New Haven, CT 06510

• Website: http://www.ctdatahaven.org

• Name and title of person who will be the Fellow’s direct supervisor (the supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis): Mark Abraham, Executive Director

• Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor: 203.500.7059, info@ctdatahaven.org

• Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 29 and Friday, August 10, 2018): May 29–August 10

• Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: Yes, any 8–11 weeks between May 30 and Aug 11 are acceptable

• Proposed work schedule (placements should be equivalent to full-time and not more than 37.5 hours/week): 9am–5pm Mon–Fri, half hour lunch (flexible)
Placement Description

Organization description:
At DataHaven, we have a 25-year history of public service to Greater New Haven and Connecticut. Our work focuses on collecting, interpreting, and sharing public data related to social, economic, and health issues. Local stakeholders apply this information to create informed solutions to problems in their communities. Municipal governments, state agencies, community foundations, non-profit organizations, health care providers, educational institutions, students, and residents regularly use our services or partner with us to produce cross-sector reports. 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 implement the 2018 Community Wellbeing Survey and 2019 Community Index, a major program that tracks social, economic, and well-being indicators at the state and local level, in close partnership with over 100 Connecticut-based organizations including several located in New Haven. These programs were first launched in 2012, and have grown significantly over time.

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 trends in community health, civic life, economic vitality, and well-being in Greater New Haven. The Fellow will be tasked with analyzing quantitative and qualitative data; writing sections of the final research publication(s); writing news articles, blog posts, or other online resources to communicate data findings to general audiences; collaborating with other organizations; and proofreading/copyediting. He or she will have an opportunity to be listed as a co-author on publications.

DataHaven’s nationally recognized Community Wellbeing Survey conducted interviews with nearly 17,000 Connecticut residents from every town, city, and region, from May through October 2015, and the survey will be repeated beginning in early 2018, given the Fellow an opportunity to be one of the first users of the new dataset as it is gathered in real-time. 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 region. Our Community Index publication will be published again in early 2019, but we will be writing much of it beginning in early 2018.

Given the broad scope of the Community Wellbeing Survey and the Community Index, the Fellow is likely to have the latitude to focus on topics with the greatest relevance to their professional and academic goals. The Fellow’s research will emphasize the study of opportunities and challenges faced by the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut, including 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 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:
- *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/
- *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/

**Specific skills/experience required for the project:**

**Required:**
1. Interest in and understanding of diverse communities, urban populations, and related issues such as K-12 education, workforce development, poverty, housing, economic development, health equity, and/or public health.
2. Strong research and writing skills.
3. Experience working with, analyzing and/or formatting data sets in Excel, and a general appreciation for or love of data.
Helpful, but not required:

1. Experience with design programs (such as Adobe CS6, Photoshop, Tableau), statistical analysis software (such as R, SPSS), mapping software (GIS, etc.), and/or web development.
2. Knowledge of or experience in analyzing large survey datasets.

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 universities as interns, fellows, and work-study participants. Mark Abraham, Executive Director of DataHaven, has supervised over 20 Community-Based Learning (CBL) students, interns, and Urban Fellows through Dwight Hall at Yale since joining the organization in 2009.

DataHaven hosted a full-time Yale 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, and was listed as a co-author on a statewide report. We recently hosted several Dwight Hall Urban Fellows, who worked with us for approximately 5-10 hours per week on article writing, data analysis, mapping; and we hired a Yale student intern who assisted us with website redesign and maintenance, and graphic design for approximately 5-10 hours per week. More recently, Yale students who worked for us as interns have been listed as co-authors on our 2016 Community Index publications (see ctdatahaven.org/reports).

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 National Clinician Scholars Program (a program for resident physicians at the Yale School of Medicine that involves community organizations throughout New Haven), and Community Alliance for Research and Engagement, where we regularly interact with Yale graduate students and faculty.