Yale University President’s Public Service Fellowship
Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2020

• Organization: The Arts Council of Greater New Haven

• Full street address of organization (Fellows must be provided with a desk and computer at placement site and cannot work remotely): 70 Audubon Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, CT 06510

• Website: www.newhavenarts.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): Winter Marshall, Operations Director

• Phone number and e-mail address of proposed direct supervisor: winter@newhavenarts.org / 203-772-2788

• Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 26 and Friday, August 7, 2020): Flexible

• Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe: Any 8-11 week time frame would work for us as our programs are ongoing through the summer

• Proposed work schedule (placements should be equivalent to full-time and not more than 37.5 hours/week): Monday – Friday, 9-5 (30 minute lunch break daily)

Placement Description

• Organization description (mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.): We strive to advance Greater New Haven by providing leadership and support to our diverse arts community. We envision a thriving arts community at the heart of Greater New Haven. We believe that art, culture, and creativity are fundamental human rights. Our members, both Free and Sustaining, include artists, creative
organizations, and cultural audiences. Our strategy is particularly focused on engaging those who are typically not served in our creative ecosystem.

Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (50 words or less). Arts Administration Fellow would support a variety of our programs and services, utilizing their interest or experience in the creative sector for this behind-the-scenes supporting role for our members and the community.

- Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. (Suggested length: one to two pages.)

Summer 2020 Project Description

The Arts Council of Greater New Haven has provided steadfast leadership and advocacy for artists, arts organizations and audiences since 1964 for the Greater New Haven region including the towns of Milford, Orange, Woodbridge, Branford, Bethany, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Wallingford, and West Haven. The Arts Council is a regional non-profit membership organization dedicated to enhancing, developing and promoting opportunities for artists, arts organizations and audiences throughout the area. The Council strives to build a vibrant artistic and cultural community that is representative of all arts disciplines, fiscally strong, supportive of individual artists and organizations, rich in ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, and accessible to all audiences.

Today, the Arts Council strives to advance Greater New Haven by providing leadership and support to our diverse arts community. We envision a thriving arts community at the heart of Greater New Haven and believe that art, culture, and creativity are fundamental human rights.

Our Yale University President’s Public Service Fellow would serve as an Arts Administrator to support a variety of our programs and services. In addition to general member services, special projects, and other behind-the-scenes responsibilities for our creative community, our core programs and services include:

- **Youth Arts Journalism Initiative (YAJI):** YAJI is a free pre-professional youth development program for New Haven high school students, providing them widely transferrable, highly-marketable new
media, critical thinking, and creative copywriting proficiencies as well as a portfolio of four rigorously edited, published pieces. YAJI supports and engages student development, helping to cultivate our region’s next generation of arts and culture leaders.

- **The Arts Paper**: The editorially independent arm of the Arts Council, the Arts Paper seeks to celebrate, explore, and investigate arts and culture in and around New Haven. Their mission is three-pronged: to explore and expand understanding of the arts, get to underreported stories as often as they can, and build accountability in our creative community.

- **Create the Vote**: Elections are a great time to talk about the strengths and challenges our state faces and the vision for our community. Seeing the need to make arts and creativity part of the discussion, Connecticut Arts Alliance (CAA) and the Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education (CAAE) launched Create the Vote CT. The Arts Council of Greater New Haven is proud to co-chair and co-sponsor this nonpartisan initiative.

- **Fiscal Sponsorship**: The Arts Council helps artists and organizations in every discipline within the Greater New Haven region raise funds for their artistic work by serving as a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal Sponsorship allows artists and organizations to solicit tax-deductible donations and apply for grants without having a 501(c)3.

- **Make Music Day**: Part of the international Make Music movement in more than 800 communities around the world, this event is an all-ages, all-inclusive celebration of music throughout Greater New Haven. Sidewalks, parks, front porches, and public spaces throughout the city will become stages for local musicians to perform and for all to enjoy. Everyone is invited to participate as a venue, performer, or attendee.

- **Scholarships**: Creating partnerships as well as supporting youth development are vital to the Arts Council’s mission and therefore, we have teamed up with the University of New Haven to offer a scholarship for high school students who want to major in the arts at UNH. In addition, we work with the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven to administer and promote the Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity.
For more information about our work, visit NewHavenArts.org.

- List specific skills/experience required for the project: Passion for arts and culture; administrative expertise – reports, leading meetings, analytical thinking; willingness to engage our community.

- Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement): None

- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.

We have hosted several Yale Fellows in the past, but our most recent experience hosting Yale students include a 1-year internship to develop a new curricular youth development program called Youth Arts Journalism Initiative and a 20 hour per week summer intern through the Yale Journalism initiative to write several weekly articles for The Arts Paper. We have also worked with a Yale student to provide support for our Create the Vote campaign and with the REGI grants program which we collaborate on with the State of CT, Office of the Arts.