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

- **Organization Name**
  Students for Educational Justice (SEJ)

- **Organization Address**
  *Students for Educational Justice, 157 Church Street, 19th floor, New Haven, CT 06510*

- **Organization Website**
  [https://www.students4edjustice.org/](https://www.students4edjustice.org/)

- **Project Supervisor**
  Hillary Bridges, Executive Director

- **Project Supervisor Contact Information**
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- **Placement Dates**
  Tuesday, May 26- Friday, August 7, 2020

  Placement dates are flexible. We can adjust the start and end date of the fellowship to better accommodate a student’s needs.

- **Placement Work Schedule**
  Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00am-6:00pm. Tuesdays from 10:30am-4:00pm

**Placement Description**

- **Organizational Mission**
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- **Work that the Fellow would be conducting**
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- **Project Description: Full-time Membership Coordinator**
  SEJ -- Students for Educational Justice

Students for Educational Justice (SEJ) is excited to welcome a Yale Fellow as our Membership Coordinator this summer. Growing our membership base is, and always will be, a top priority for our organization. We believe that the people who are most directly affected by an issue should be at the forefront of the fight against it. The Membership Coordinator will support efforts to build our membership base and help design and implement systems to ensure that young people are the leaders of our fight against racial and educational injustice in New Haven.

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This year, Students for Educational Justice collaborated with legislators and our fellow youth-led, intergenerational organizations from across the state to get HB7082, an act concerning the inclusion of Black and Latinx studies in the Public School Curriculum, signed into law. We are looking forward to continuing this work and to expanding to new issue areas as determined by our members.

**Responsibilities**

The Membership Coordinator will work with the SEJ Team to ...
• Plan weekly Thursday member meetings
• Support with curriculum development
• Order food and snacks
• Help prepare any materials for the meeting
• Support the design and creation of organizational calendar map for the next six months
• Conduct outreach to high-school aged young people in New Haven
• Attend all SEJ Leadership Team meetings
• Design and coordinate recruitment events for SEJ’s base
• Provide overall support for SEJ including field trips, special events, and programming
• Support occasional campaign-related communications and projects
• Design workshops and trainings for SEJ members
• Other duties as assigned by the Executive Director

Qualifications

• Experience working with young people
• Understanding of oppression, race, and identity and commitment to fighting racial injustice
• Passion for real and sustainable change
• Strong written and oral communication skills
• Capacity to lead and be led
• Willingness to learn and share knowledge, experience, and skills
• Willingness to adopt best practices as well as to experiment and make and learn from mistakes
• Comfort with social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
• Must be at least 18 years of age

BIPOC, queer, and trans/gender non-conforming are strongly encouraged to apply.

• Additional Requirements
There may be some weekend and night working hours throughout the summer for trips to events or conferences in the area. However, we will ensure that the Membership Coordinator hours do not exceed 37.5 hours/week.

• Previous work with Yale students
Earlier this year, we worked closely with students in the Social Impact Club at the Yale School of Management. They helped us to clarify the structure of our organization
and to create our theory of change and our high-level 5-year plan. In addition, we are currently working with Professor Dan HoSang and six of his students to research how teachers, school districts, and others across the country have implemented African American and Latinx studies courses in high schools.