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DWIGHT HALL URBAN FELLOWS



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**APPLY TO BE AN URBAN FELLOW
APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 29**

Email anya.gersoff@yale.edu for application and more information. Fellows earn a stipend.

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Overview

Initiated in 1994, Dwight Hall Urban Fellows is an academic-year program whereby Yale University undergraduates gain exposure to today's urban challenges and work with community professionals to find real solutions. **Placements seek to uncover and counter urban challenges through neighborhood empowerment, community-building, and economic development.** The program is designed to challenge assumptions, encourage open communication, foster a lifelong commitment to civic engagement, and find innovative solutions to urban challenges.

Urban Fellows dedicate 6-8 hours per week working in either a community organization or government agency, where fellows learn professional skills through direct supervision of existing projects, and build the capacity of their host organization through creation of a unique project designed in collaboration with community partner. In addition to community work, Urban Fellows garner their collective experience through a series of regular community-building activities, such as dinners, speaker series, group service opportunities, and planned reflections with other Fellows.

Dwight Hall at Yale provides assistance placing students in host organizations if needed, as well as leadership training for incoming students. Throughout the year, Dwight Hall at Yale provides ongoing advisement for both students and placement sites, in addition to financial support for students/projects and organizational resources such as cars, bus passes, and meeting space. The program is organized by the Dwight Hall Urban Fellows Management Team, including Program Manager, Mark Fopeano, Dwight Hall's AmeriCorps VISTA, and two student co-coordinators, Christina Pao and James Post.

The program is currently seeking new Fellows to begin working in the fall of 2018. Successful applicants will be accepted to the program in April, work with leadership to secure a placement by the end of this academic year, and start work at their placement by early September of 2018.

Expectations

Dwight Hall Urban Fellows are committed individuals dedicated to working collaboratively with their community towards solving urban challenges. Urban Fellows will:

- Commit a minimum of one academic year to the program
- Dedicate 6-8 hours per week to their placement site/project
- Attend group meetings with other Fellows
- Submit weekly updates to co-coordinators and the Program Manager



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Benefits

As part of the program, Urban Fellows will receive:

- Non work-study students are awarded a \$312.15 Service Award each semester. Students eligible for federal work-study receive \$12.50/hour compensation for up to 100 hours.
- Access to existing open Urban Fellows positions and community partners, or ongoing support to students developing relationships with host organizations.
- Ability to learn about New Haven through a host organization, whether that is adding to existing projects or by building a unique project.
- Opportunity to cultivate a professional mentoring relationship with host supervisor
- Individual advisement from Dwight Hall Urban Fellows management team, comprised of Program Manager for Dwight Hall at Yale and three student co-coordinators
- Student-led weekly gatherings, such as dinners, guest speakers, reflections, team-building activities, and professional development seminars
- Access to Dwight Hall at Yale cars, bus passes, meeting rooms, and other resources as needed

Application Instructions

Dwight Hall Urban Fellows is accepting new applications to begin in the Fall of 2018. Students may apply with general interest in the program, with interest in a specific position, or with a proposal for a new project.

Completed applications will:

- Complete all written portions of the application below
- Provide a list of extracurricular activities*
*We want to know what is important to you and how you spend your time, be broad, creative, and honest in making your list!

Completed applications are due by: March 29, at 11:59pm

Send completed applications to urbanfellows@dwighthall.org, mark.fopeano@yale.edu, and anya.gersoff@yale.edu. Christina, James, and Anya will be hosting application office hours to help you in the application process. Email anya.gersoff@yale.edu for more information. Should you be selected for the next round, Christina or James or Anya will call to schedule an interview.



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Name:

Email:

Graduating Year:

College:

Favorite place in New Haven:

1. How would you describe your relationship with New Haven? [250 words max]

2. Why do you want to be an Urban Fellow? [250 words max]



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3. Describe your ideal placement site. What issues are you working on? Do you have a placement site in mind? [150 words max]

4. Are you able to commit 6-8 hours per week to a placement in addition to an hourly meeting each week? [checkbox question]

Yes

No

