Social Innovation Internship Program
Summer 2018 Internship Opportunity

The New Haven Land Trust: The New Haven Land Trust is a non-profit organization located in New Haven, Connecticut. Our mission is to engage people in stewardship and cultivation of the land for a healthier community and environment. We do so by supporting 55 community gardens and six nature preserves within the city of New Haven. We offer educational programming and interact with thousands of community gardeners, volunteers and visitors to our properties.

Position Description: We are looking for a Yale Undergraduate intern to work on development and implementation of our Growing Entrepreneurs program. The Growing Entrepreneurs year-round jobs program employs high school students at the New Haven Land Trust where they improve their professional skills, learn about environmental issues, gain experience in carpentry and agriculture, and pilot small businesses designed to help their community and environment.

In 2017, Yale interns helped develop the professional skills and entrepreneurship curriculum for our Growing Entrepreneurs program. This year, we are looking for interns to continue to develop curriculum, fleshing out training and programming to cover a two-year cycle of the program as well as expanding our network of collaborators for the program. We are working to make our entrepreneurial agriculture curriculum into a strong, replicable model for other programs to reference. The interns will also work directly with current Growing Entrepreneurs on the development of their small business ideas, help them to pilot these ventures, and will lead professional skills workshops for the students.

Another potential outcome of the work might be working with the Land Trust summer youth employees under the tutelage of an expert gardener or carpenter to take on large-scale projects in our community gardens.

The project will entail a research component, curriculum development component, and practical component. Since the work will coincide with the five-week Youth@Work program, when the Growing Entrepreneurs work 25 hours/week, we expect the applicant to work closely with the youth and our garden manager to help the youth develop well-researched, viable, social enterprises.

Required Skills: We are looking for individuals with:
● Ability to motivate themselves, pursue leads without significant supervision;
● Enthusiasm and strong interest in gardening and environmental issues;
● Interest in working in a small but dynamic team of individuals and occasionally supporting other Land Trust initiatives over the summer;
● Interest in contributing at times through physical manual labor to ongoing garden projects. Since this project will involve understanding various aspects of the Land Trust’s on-the-ground gardening work, the individual will be expected to participate enthusiastically in gardening activities;
● Strong knowledge of and interest in entrepreneurship and ability to create a business plan;
● Experience working with young people.

**Hours/Wages:** Our office generally operates from 9 to 5 with additional evening and weekend events over the summer. We would like the applicant to commit to full time or close to full time for the summer. We are flexible with the applicants scheduling however and are enthusiastic to work with the applicant to ensure the successful completion of the project matches with the applicants summer scheduling. Interns will be supported with a $4,000 stipend from Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale and Yale Club of New Haven,

**Supervisors:** Summer interns will be jointly supervised by Garden Education Coordinator Esther Rose-Wilen. Esther oversee both the Growing Entrepreneurs and Incubator Garden Programs for the Land Trust.

**Application Details:** Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter and two references to esther.rose-wilen@newhavenlandtrust.org. If applicants have additional questions about the project, they should feel free to reach out to Esther directly via email or by calling 203-562-6655.