

YPEI College-to-Career Fellowship Program

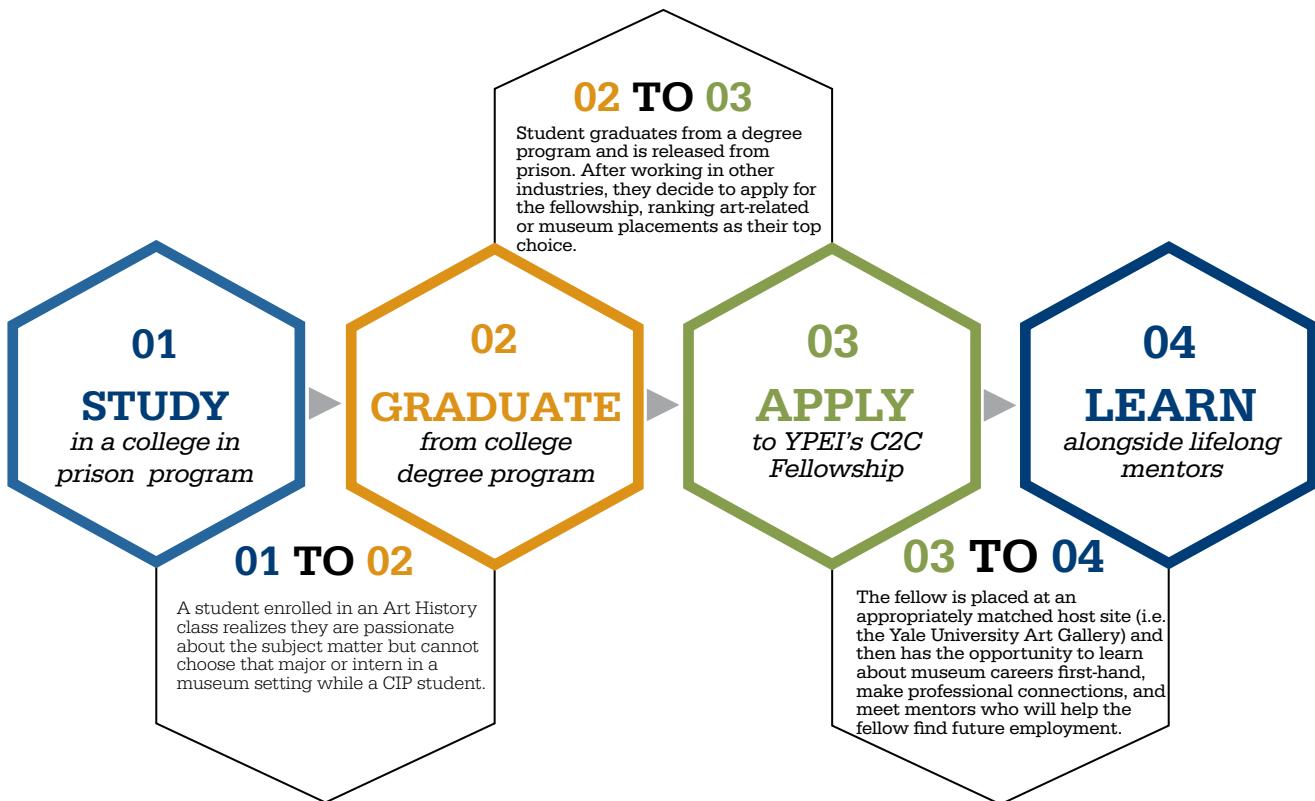
A Fellowship Program for Formerly Incarcerated Students and Graduates

Founded in 2016, the **Yale Prison Education Initiative (YPEI)** is based at Dwight Hall, Yale's Center for Public Service and Social Justice. Since 2018, YPEI has offered rigorous, credit-bearing Yale College courses to incarcerated students in Connecticut, taught by Yale faculty and graduate instructors. In 2021, YPEI launched a collaboration with the University of New Haven (UNH) to begin to offer AA degrees in prison and to create pathways for students onto college campuses.

As a part of this partnership, YPEI created a two-year fellowship opportunity open to alumni of any college-in-prison program, called the **College-to-Career Fellowships Program**. Fellows must have an associate degree or higher; they are fully compensated; and the fellows will work in placements on Yale or UNH's campuses. This program supports professional development, career exploration, and mentorship opportunities in a wide range of centers and programs across both universities.

The program is designed to ensure that you are matched with a host site that caters to your interests, passions, and career goals. Someone interested in the arts, for example, might spend time at one of Yale's museums or galleries. Or someone wanting to work at the intersection of health and law may find an excellent fit at the SEICHE Center for Health and Justice. The program also allows for meaningful opportunities to network with leaders in their areas of interest, not only at the host site but across the university and beyond. While the fellowship offers an unparalleled chance for fellows to gain work experience in the university context, it is also designed with the fellow's well-being in mind, and as such gives a great degree of flexibility for the fellow and host site to determine scheduling, hours, and texture of day-to-day responsibilities.

Example YPEI Fellowships Pathway for a formerly incarcerated graduate:



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Yale's Premier College-in-Prison (CIP) Graduate Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions:

What kind of host sites are available?

We recruit host sites based on Fellows' interests. Current possible host sites include:

- ◊ Liman Center for Public Interest Law at Yale Law School
- ◊ SEICHE Center for Health and Justice at Yale Law School and Yale School of Medicine
- ◊ Yale University Art Gallery – Memberships Team
- ◊ Yale Philosophy Department
- ◊ Tow Youth Justice Institute at University of New Haven
- ◊ Yale University Library
- ◊ Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

Please see appendix for a description of possible host sites. This list is not exhaustive.

What is a fellowship?

A fellowship is an award granted to university students and graduates (at both the undergraduate and graduate level) that usually lasts a designated time period, often one to three years. In this case, YPEI's College-to-Career program will last up to two years. Fellowships are not like full-time jobs and may involve varied types of tasks, including administrative, study, curatorial, teaching, or research-involved work, and rotations through different host sites. Another component of the fellowship is that the fellows together form a cohort community. Some examples of well-known academic fellowships include the Fulbright, Knights-Hennssey, Rhodes, Marshall, and Truman Scholarships.

How long is the fellowship and how much is the stipend? Does it have to be full-time?

The fellowship is designed to last for two years, but if a fellow finds an exciting job opportunity or wishes to leave, there is an option to end after one year. The stipend for fellows is \$60,000/year. This year we are also allowing for the possibility of part-time fellowships, which may be open to candidates who have not yet completed a college degree.

Is this a reentry program?

Although currently incarcerated candidates pending release are welcome to apply, this is not a reentry program.

Who will fellows report to?

Fellows will be managed by YPEI staff and will report day-to-day directly to a host site mentor.

Do I have to live in New Haven?

Yes, fellows will be required to reside in the Greater New Haven area to take full advantage of the Fellowship. If you do not currently reside in Connecticut, YPEI is committed to providing the necessary documentation for your release or probation if interstate transfer is possible.

When does the Fellowship start?

Fellowships will begin in August 2022, but there is some room for flexibility.

What will the work schedule look like on a day-to-day basis?

The fellowship is intended to give fellows, again, flexibility in determining their schedules with their sites and working at a pace that aligns with their own well-being. This is not intended to be a typical 9-5 position if that is not what the fellow wants.

What can I expect to learn from the fellowship beyond my primary work responsibilities?

As a fellow working at one of our host sites within the broader university context you'll have the opportunity to connect with and learn alongside people across the university.

How do I apply?

You or a proxy may fill out the application at this link: www.tinyurl.com/ypeifellowship. Please address any questions to ypei@dwighthall.org.