POSITION OPENING: Lazarus Fellowship in Sustainable Food and Agriculture  
May 2018 – June 2020

DESCRIPTION

The Lazarus Fellowship is the YSFP’s premier offering to recent college graduates. The fellowship was named in honor of Shelly Lazarus and George Lazarus ’67, who generously endowed the position on the occasion of George’s 50th anniversary class reunion in 2017. The nature of the fellowship has evolved over the years, and now provides the awardee the agency to shape the future of the YSFP and their own career with an exceptional degree of creative freedom. The fellowship provides a full-time salary with M&P benefits for a two-year period and dedicated private office space at the YSFP. They join the YSFP’s core management team and share decision-making responsibility for the overall direction of the organization. The Lazarus Fellow is responsible for a core set of ongoing programs that are a critical part of the YSFP which form a structured foundation for their work. From this foundation, the fellowship encourages the Fellow to improve, evolve, focus, and re-imagine the programs they are responsible for.

The Lazarus Fellow receives a full compensation package for the duration of the 2-year appointment. This position is classified as a Management & Professional Intern (Non-Exempt), salary band 4.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Planning, managing and executing the Harvest first year pre-orientation program.
- Planning and running on-campus educational events as part of the Chewing the Fat speaker series
- Supporting academic ventures of the program, including course development, program strategy, and conducting independent research.
- Planning and supporting the Lazarus Summer Internship.
- Managing the YSFP’s communications and developing the organization’s communications strategy, especially with regard to Yale College students.
- Liaising between the Yale College student body and YSFP core staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Recent college graduate with the ability to commit to two years of work
- Strong interest in sustainable food and agriculture and related fields
- Strong sense of self-motivation; ability to work well within a small group
- Flexibility and a sense of humor
Chewing the Fat
The Lazarus Fellow plans and executes a series of educational events each semester, with the aim of engaging Yale undergraduates in issues related to food, agriculture, and sustainability. These events happen regularly throughout the semester (roughly once per week), with a variety of topics and formats, and invited guests participate in public events as well as smaller conversations and engagements throughout the day. The fellow generates ideas and content for the series, plans and organizes events for the series, builds partnerships with relevant organizations within the university, oversees execution of events, and explores ways to engage speakers and their conversations in a sustained way across a variety of media. Chewing the Fat offers the opportunity for the fellow to engage with people whose work they admire and build connections for their future work. The fellow is responsible for the success of the series, including content, participation, operations, and budget.

Harvest Pre-Orientation Program
The Lazarus Fellow directs the Harvest program, a pre-orientation program in which upperclassmen leaders take groups of incoming first-year students on 5-day trips to local, organic farms each August. Harvest is intended to introduce incoming first-year students to the Yale Farm, the Sustainable Food Program, and sustainable food systems in Connecticut. The fellow oversees selection of student leaders, directs student leader training throughout the year (for approximately 40 student leaders), generates content for and maintains the website, oversees the program’s budget, and ensures the smooth running of trips in August for approximately 100 incoming first-years. The fellow is responsible for the success of the program, including strong leader training, well-organized trips, and consistent student participation.

Communications
The Lazarus Fellow helps maintain the YSFP’s social media accounts (Facebook, Flickr, Instagram, Medium, Twitter, and a podcast) and creates and distributes communications materials to promote events and reach out to potential partners. The fellow hires and oversees a student communications team that aids in performing these tasks.

YSFP Academic Activities
The Lazarus Fellow is deeply involved in planning and running educational activities at the Yale Farm. The fellow helps develop educational programming during the summer for the Lazarus Summer Interns, including classes and field trips. The Lazarus Fellow has the opportunity to assist with course development and administration for Yale College’s “Approaches to Sustainable Food and Agriculture” seminar, taught by YSFP director Mark Bomford.

Student Leadership Development
The Lazarus Fellow acts as the conduit of communication between the Sustainable Food Program and student organizations on campus, providing support and guidance to student groups related to food and agriculture. The Lazarus Fellow also facilitates meetings of senior advisors to the YSFP, who are students that have been involved with the YSFP for at least two years.
Independence and Influence
The Lazarus Fellow has the independence to shape the programming of the YSFP in a significant and meaningful way, and to pursue professional interests within the context of the Fellowship. The Fellow has a wide degree of latitude to shape programs so that they are of utmost relevance to Yale College students and the constituencies the YSFP serves. Beyond structured responsibilities, previous fellows have involved themselves with restaurant staging, auditing courses, local food justice work, pursuing food-related teaching assistantships, and attending professional conferences. Such independent commitments provide unique opportunity for growth under the creative direction of the awardee.

TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted online through STARS, reference number 47923BR. Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and have letter of recommendation submitted, to jacqueline.munno@yale.edu with "Lazarus Fellowship Application 2018-20" in the subject line. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. The final day to apply is Friday, February 9. Friday, February 23 (deadline extended!).

More information about the fellowship is available upon request. To learn more about this position from our current Lazarus Fellow, contact austin.bryniarski@yale.edu.