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Hartford Youth Data Fellowship

TheHartford Youth DataFellowship isa groundbreaking initiative in Hartford that connects data experts and resources from the Connecticut Data Collaborative with Hartford youth ages 17-24 in a training and development program designed to engage them in learning more about data, their community, and ways they can help shape the future.

What youth say...

- I learned a lot and plan to try and apply the data skills to a job and possibly other parts of my education.
- It was great to speak with people who care about the data.
- You guys did amazing -- teaching us life skills and lessons.
- I liked doing my own research, not just given facts to recite.
- One of the skills I hope to apply outside of this project would be the analysis... how data is seen by regular people.



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Hartford Youth Data Fellows receive:

Data Training

Our workshops teach youth highly sought-after skills in data literacy, research, analysis, visualization, and communications. We leverage CTData's expertise in identifying and curating key data sources to answer their research questions and generate insights from their lived experience.



Mentorship and guidance

CTData staff support Hartford youth throughout the project and connect them to key resources. We also tap into our network of community data partners to offer guest speakers from Hartford who have pursued postsecondary education and careers related to data and community service and connect directly with the youth.



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Hartford Youth Data Fellows receive:

Career Development

Youth credit the fellowship with increasing their confidence in working with data, strengthening their interest in working with data, and helping them with their education and professional growth. They also leverage their experience to gain internships and jobs in data-related fields.



Project & Presentations Experience

Youth in this program have the opportunity to develop community-based data projects that directly tie into improving policies and programs for Hartford residents. They then hone their written and verbal presentation skills through Data Walks with community members and legislative leaders.



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Program Goals

- Provide youth with improved data science, research skills, and data confidence
- Strengthen Hartford youth post-secondary and career opportunities
- Include community voice in Hartford data projects & model ethical data practices.
- Increase community access to Hartford data projects
- Ensure sustainable fellowship for underserved youth
- Create new & support existing CTData partnerships

Who is this fellowship a good match for?

- Hartford residents who are high school seniors, college students, or recent college graduates (ages 17-24)
- Lived experience in Hartford, by attending Hartford Public Schools, living in Hartford neighborhoods, and participating in Hartford youth organizations
- Interest in community and local issues
- Curious and enjoy problem solving
- Ready to work with others, including peers and local professionals to solve problems
- Looking to building data skills for college and career plans
- Ability to show up and commit to twice-weekly, after school program



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