

To apply for a GPE Fellow position: Submit an updated resume and cover letter to gsasprofessionaldevelopment@yale.edu with the subject header “[Name of Fellow position]” by Dec. 3 at 11:59 p.m.

Scope 3 Student Travel Research Assistant - Yale Office of Sustainability

Mentor: Lindsay Crum, Associate Director, Yale Office of Sustainability

Organization Name:

Yale Office of Sustainability

Organization Website:

sustainability.yale.edu

Organization Description:

The Yale Office of Sustainability was established in 2005 to advance sustainability within the Yale community. The Office acts as a catalyst for information exchange; facilitates capacity building, innovation, and streamlined operations; and helps prepare tomorrow’s sustainability leaders.

GPE Fellow Responsibilities:

The university has committed to setting an emissions reduction target for several scope 3 categories by the end of fiscal year 2025. One of these categories is student travel, something that is notoriously challenging to track, and also handled in a decentralized manner across the institution. In order to set a target, we need to gather baseline data—other institutions of higher education have had success in gathering this type of data through a survey. This project would entail (at a minimum) gaining understanding of the current landscape of student travel at Yale (which categories of student travel we’d be surveying); reviewing peer institutions’ surveys; learning survey best practices; and creating a draft survey or surveys to be distributed across Yale College and the graduate and professional schools.

Desired GPE Fellow Qualifications:

Detail-oriented; experience in surveying/survey best practices and qualitative data collection; outstanding organizational skills; interest in sustainability and data; ability to synthesize information quickly and accurately; clear and professional communicator; open to feedback (giving and receiving).

GPE Fellow Learning Objectives:

This is an incredible opportunity to contribute to a deliverable that will be used to inform institutional scope 3 emissions goal-setting and progress. Scope 3 emissions are particularly challenging to measure, and Yale has a leadership opportunity to excel in this space--the GPE Fellow would have direct input on this. In addition, this project will require gaining a comprehensive understanding of the university's organizational structure, and the challenges of gathering data at this scale.

Number of Available Positions:

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