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Asian American Cultural Center Fellow at [Asian American Cultural Center \(AACC\)](#)

Graduate Professional Experience Host Office Description

Established in 1981, the AACC plays a key role in ensuring the development and enhancement of Yale University’s commitment to the Asian and Asian American community. The AACC seeks to build a dynamic Asian and Asian American presence at Yale, support student exploration of identity development, and empower them to take an active role in shaping their learning experiences. The AACC is also committed to engaging the Asian and Asian American student body, Yale University, and the greater New Haven community in the learning and celebration of cultures, traditions, and issues related to the varied experiences of the Asian diaspora.

Located at 295 Crown St., the AACC is a three-level building that also serves as a gathering place for Yale Asian and Asian American students and affiliated student organizations for informal gatherings, social, cultural, and educational events. Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2021, the AACC was established as a result of Asian American student organizing efforts and remains a highly student-centered institutionalized diversity, equity, and inclusion resource today. As the Asian demographic at Yale has increased in numbers over these last four decades so has its richness and complexity of needs.

Host Mentor

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Graduate Professional Experience Fellow Responsibilities

The AACC Fellow will have the option of choosing from a variety of special projects and initiatives that support the Asian and Asian American community at Yale, including but not limited to: organize and sustain community engagement with the AACC Okihiro Library as a resource; develop archiving systems and provide assistance with efforts to digitize existing AACC archives; curate targeted programming for Asian-identifying Graduate & Professional students in collaboration with graduate student organizations.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the third oldest Asian American cultural center on a college campus in the United States as well as gain exposure to the vast impact Asian Americans had at Yale and beyond. This is an excellent opportunity for mentorship with our director, who has mentored many graduate students who have gone on to careers in teaching or administration at higher education institutions across the United States.

Graduate Professional Experience Learning Objectives and Opportunities

-Becoming connected with AACC community and continue helping build graduate and professional community to the AACC

- Understanding and helping further develop AACC library, archives, and history
- Having autonomy to work while also providing room to work collaboratively across AACC and department staff

Desired Qualifications

Strong written and oral communication skills are required, along with initiative and organization. We welcome applications from all academic backgrounds (no experience with academic research in race is required); however, we encourage applicants whose research work intersects with the Asian diaspora. This opportunity is well-suited for individuals with an interest in growing national conversations around Asian American identity, history, and its utility in ongoing racial justice movements domestically and abroad. Willingness to work independently as well as part of a large team is important. Experience working with undergraduate students is preferred.

Duration of position

Full academic year – Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters